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Customs seize 12,000 fake luxury brand shirts, labels



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» Customs suspects illegal garment manufacturing on Saipan

Over 12,000 fake Burberry and Polo Ralph Lauren shirts that would have sold for some \$2.178 million had they been genuine, along with rolls of clothing labels, raw garment cutters, illegal cigarettes and liquors, were discovered and seized by customs and quarantine inspectors in May inside a 40-foot container from mainland China. Authorities, however, are faced with bigger questions.

Customs director Joe Mafnas, in a news briefing yesterday morning, said there may be small-scale underground garment manufacturing on Saipan, with the presence of global brand clothing with "Made in Northern Mariana Islands" labels sold on the island—including at flea markets—when the last of the garment factories closed in 2009.

This is coupled with the recent discovery of clothing labels, raw garment, and

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Regents 'kill' proposed exigency for NMC

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The Northern Marianas College administration, through president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., wants an exigency declaration for the college while it is under show-cause

status but the idea failed to garner the Board of Regents' support.

During its meeting on Thursday, the board refused to add the proposed Board Resolution 2013-03 to its agenda. This resolution intends to declare a state of exigency at NMC in relation to the Ac-

crediting Commission on Community and Junior Colleges' show-cause order.

During open deliberation, acting board chair Elaine Orilla ordered that the proposed resolution be tackled in an executive session in order to hear from Hart

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Customs agents arrest trader

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Customs agents arrested over the weekend a businessman who is allegedly behind a large haul of fake luxury brand clothing and illegal cigarettes worth over \$2 million that was found inside a container that came from China last month.

Qiang Liang Ming, 55, owner of Ming Li Corp., was taken to Superior Court yesterday for his initial appearance on charges of importation of contraband. Joseph Horey appeared as his lawyer.

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Customs director Joe Mafnas, second from right, addresses reporters during a news briefing yesterday morning at the seaport about the recent discovery and seizures of thousands of undeclared and illegal cigarettes and liquors, counterfeit Burberry and Polo Ralph Lauren shirts, and clothing labels from mainland China. From left, Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Mafnas, and Customs seaport branch manager Greg Sablan.

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CRACKDOWN on tax cheats

» Tax refunds, rebates may be released earlier than August

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A more aggressive campaign targeting tax evaders is underway, this time focusing not only on big companies but also on small businesses that have tax liabilities.

According to Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, the goal is to double the \$3 million to \$5 million in annual average collection from back taxes through settlements and direct payments.

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On Quichocho nom withdrawal: We move forward from here

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A day after Gov. Eloy S. Inos withdrew the administration's nomination of attorney Ramon "Ray" Quichocho as Superior Court associate judge, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider said

yesterday it's time to "move forward."

"We all know what happened and I ask that we move forward from here," Hofschneider told reporters on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

Hofschneider declined to comment further or answer ques-

tions, including whether the administration will submit another nomination to the Senate any time soon and when he and the governor discussed the matter.

Inos returned over the weekend after a two-week trip—first to Alaska on official business and then to Seattle for a person-

al visit to family members. On Sunday afternoon, he withdrew the nomination via a letter to the Senate president.

It was Hofschneider that nominated Quichocho on May 9. At the time, Inos was in Guam but both the governor and lieutenant governor later

said it was a mutual decision to appoint Quichocho.

Within days, however, Quichocho's nomination was already mired in controversy including allegations of fraud, racketeering, and rape against him and low evaluation results from his attorney-peers, among

other things. A judge also determined that Quichocho had induced a landowner to violate public policy by filing false documents with the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (IR-Saipan), a member

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Korean group honors fallen compatriots in memorial service

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STUDENT REPORTER

Members of the Memorial Service Association for the Deceased Compatriots Overseas led other members of the local Korean community to honor Korean World War II dead at the Korean War Memorial Monument in Marpi last Saturday.

The 36th annual memorial service also saw the attendance of Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, Rep. Richard Seman, and Marianas Visitor Authority executive director Perry Tenorio.

"This Saturday morning not only is meant for the dead but also for people who will later achieve peace for this commu-

nity," said Yong Teak Lee, the association's chairman.

Lee said the memorial is intended to remember "those sacrifice souls who were dragged wrongfully during World War II by empire Japan."

According to Lee, 13,000 Koreans died on Saipan during World War II.

The Saturday ceremony began at 11am with the recogni-

tion of special guests and the placing of the wreath at the monument. The singing of the Korean and CNMI national anthems followed. A moment of silence and the burning of incense were also observed.

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores, who spoke at the ceremony, said: "We are here today to honor Koreans who have lost their lives during

Members of the Memorial Service Association for the Deceased Compatriots Overseas have their picture taken with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores after Saturday's ceremonies in Marpi.

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the war and be reminded of the sacrifice they gave for freedom to live as evidence today." He called on everyone to come together in friendship and prayer and be mindful of the sacrifice and be at peace with one another.

Flores also addressed the

veterans: "To the veterans, on behalf of everyone here, and the people of Saipan, I salute you and thank you for your courage, bravery, and sacrifice. While times may have changed and warfare too, you veterans will always be the same, a hero."

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DPS division OIC arrested for alleged domestic violence

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Police arrested Friday night the officer-in-charge of the Department of Public Safety's Internal Affairs Office for allegedly beating up his wife during an argument at their house in As Matuis.

Sgt. Elden Dela Cruz, 36, was arrested for assault and battery,

criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

The wife is the secretary of Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero. The police report did not mention if she suffered any injuries.

Dela Cruz managed to post the \$5,000 cash bail and was released yesterday. He will be arraigned on June 24 at 9am. At-

torney Janet King is his lawyer.

Dela Cruz was required to surrender his firearms to DPS yesterday at 12pm.

Police detective Jesse K. Seman stated in his report that a man had called DPS Central on Friday at 2:11am to report a disturbance at a house in As Matuis.

A police officer arrived at the scene at 2:20am but he disregarded the incident and told DPS that one of the parties had left the scene.

Later that day, at 7:15am, another officer informed Seman that Dela Cruz was involved in a domestic violence incident.

Seman said that he contacted Dela Cruz's wife, identified himself, and arranged to

meet with her at a church in Chinatown.

During Seman's interview with her, the wife alleged that just before midnight Friday, she and Dela Cruz had a fight after he told her that he is tired of her and that he is going to pack his things and leave.

As she was about to leave the room, Dela Cruz allegedly grabbed her on the right arm and punched the door behind her. When she tried to get away, Dela Cruz allegedly held her and threw her down to the floor.

The commotion woke up their daughter, who yelled at her father to stop hitting her mother.

When the wife tried to call police, Dela Cruz yelled at her to give her the cell phone. When

she refused, Dela Cruz allegedly pushed her down to the ground, causing her to land on her back. He then picked her up and again allegedly threw her down on the ground.

The wife alleged that Dela Cruz also hit her, pulled her hair, and even held her face against the wall.

The wife told police that she and Dela Cruz have been married for 16 years and he had cheated on her five times with different women during that time.

She described him as violent, both verbally and physically. She also disclosed that they have five rifles registered under their names at their house.

Seman said the couple's 17-year-old daughter told him that she witnessed her father hitting her mother, who was lying on the ground.

She said her parents argued again inside their room and that she heard her mother yelling so she ran outside the house and called for help.

Student group won't take position on non-renewals

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Despite the number of Northern Marianas College students who have questioned the non-renewal of two faculty members, the student government that represents them will not be taking a position on the matter.

Associated Students of Northern Marianas College president Chenglong "Alex" Shen told *Saipan Tribune* this, moments after he and two other honorary regents were removed from their posts on Friday.

"The student government of the college is taking a very careful step on this issue. Currently, we don't have all the facts. Yes, we do have the side of the two faculty members, but not the side of the institution. So without all the right facts and statistics, we will have no position on this matter," said Shen.

He admitted that efforts to obtain the college administration's side of the story have been unsuccessful so far.

Shen cited the college's non-disclosure policy on personnel matters as one of the reasons for not getting more answers from the administration. He said personnel matters cannot be discussed even with students.

"I have tried to inquire about the non-renewal issue and, al-

though the president [Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D.] really wants to share it, she is concerned about the legal consequences as this deals with personnel matters," he added.

When asked about the feedback he is getting from students on the non-renewal of Larry Lee and Kyle Podziewski, Shen said that many are passionate about it and are supportive of the two faculty members. He estimates that less than 50 percent of students are aware of the issue and have their own opinions and sentiments about it.

"The students are really affected, especially at the School of Education and the hospitality management under the Business Department. I believe, from what I hear, they are very passionate about this," Shen said.

Shen also admits to having no position on the matter just yet. "Am I against their non-renewal? I can't say yes or no...because I don't know all the sides of the story. I can't make a decision now," he said.

He did acknowledge that Lee and Podziewski are likeable instructors who are worthy of students' support.

A signature petition is currently circulating on campus and in the community seeking for Lee and Podziewski's reinstatement.

Shen said he hasn't signed the petition yet.

Alleged slap lands woman in jail

A woman allegedly slapped her husband at their residence in As Lito on Friday night and was arrested on charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Hong Yun Li Masga, 40, was taken to Superior Court yesterday for her initial court appearance. Her bail was set at \$1,250 cash.

Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg was appointed as counsel for Masga.

Police detective Norman L. Skilling stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a call on Friday at 10:51pm about a disturbance at a house in As Lito.

In an interview with police, the husband stated that Masga allegedly got angry with him and slapped him on the right side of his face. She then walked

out of the house and told him she was going to call the police.

After 15 minutes, Masga was seen driving a car with their baby sitting on her lap. The husband's sister tried to stop Masga from taking the baby but she refused. After five minutes, two police vehicles arrived and police officers tried to convince Masga to give them the baby. Masga refused but a police officer later managed to get the child. The baby was handed to the father.

The husband told police that his wife hit him with an ashtray on March 5.

Two years ago, the husband said he was about to sleep on the couch when he noticed her holding a pair of scissors and appeared ready to stab him with it. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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At the same time, Larson said that tax rebates and refunds may be released earlier than the original target date of August.

"I would encourage businesses to voluntarily fix any issue they are aware of and, if they have any questions on what they should be doing, to contact Revenue and Taxation and learn how to get into compliance because it's easier to resolve that way," she told *Saipan Tribune* after a House Ways and Means Committee budget hearing on Finance's fiscal year 2014 budget.

Rep. Tony Sablan (IR-Saipan) and other lawmakers asked Finance officials about ongoing efforts to enforce tax laws, and asked how the Legislature could be of help in these efforts.

"Don't cut our budget," Larson told lawmakers.

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cutters smuggled from mainland China to Saipan.

The discovery of these undeclared, illegal, and fake items, he said, should serve as a lesson to other smugglers.

Mafnas said an individual who is supposed to be the owner of the shipped items was arrested on Friday and was scheduled to appear in court yesterday.

The man was later identified as Qing Liang Ming, owner of Ming Li Corp.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said the investigation on the matter is ongoing, adding that smuggling of items into the CNMI is not something that will be taken lightly.

"Any time someone smuggles something into the Commonwealth, it's lost revenue for everyone in the Commonwealth and it's something we take very seriously," Larson said.

Also in the news briefing were Customs seaport branch manager Greg Sablan, Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios, and DLNR quarantine supervisor Tina Camacho.

Mafnas said a 40-ft container arrived on Saipan on May 19. Three days later, Customs put the container on hold for 100 percent inspection. Customs and quarantine inspected the container on May 28.

Large items such as eight freezers were placed near the opening of the container, mak-

She also said there might be a need to strengthen penalties for tax law and rule violations, although the focus at this time is to thoroughly review every company's tax records.

"Back taxes, interest in penalties, people who have never filed at all, people who have filed some but not all—there's a lot of different components. Some filed incorrectly and found out they were wrong when we reviewed their records so they have to make the corrections and pay the additional amount," Larson said.

The Finance secretary, however, said there are also a number of businesses that have been working with Finance to settle their back taxes.

"We've been able to address the issues and collect money and come to terms that are good for both sides," she added.

By August, she said Finance and other agencies will be literally knocking on small to

ing it hard to get to the inner part where the undeclared, counterfeit and illegal items were discovered. Little spaces in the container, Mafnas said, were filled with small items such as toys.

Mafnas said there were 2,012 cartons of Marlboro cigarettes found. They were not only undeclared but were also not supposed to be sold in the CNMI as its packaging states.

The retail value of the cigarettes is \$55 per carton, for total retail value of \$110,660.

Customs and quarantine also discovered 666 cartons of undeclared and illegal Chinese brand cigarettes with a street value of \$20 per carton or a total of \$13,320.

"The smuggler would have profited, tax free some \$124,000 from the cigarettes alone. If the cigarettes are legit, the total excise and beautification tax would have amounted to \$55,883," Mafnas said.

Government inspectors also found 84 cases of undeclared and illegal Chinese liquors. If they were legit, excise, and beautification taxes would have been \$3,400.

Counterfeit luxury brands

Customs and quarantine inspectors also discovered 6,063 pieces of Polo Ralph Lauren polo shirts.

Mafnas said the "street value" is estimated at \$30 a piece or \$181,890 for 6,063.

Had they been genuine products, they would retail at legitimate shops such as DFS for \$98 or a total of \$594,174.

said the cigarette packaging indicated they are a product of China and the Philippines and are not for sale in the U.S.

The cigarettes did not contain a proper surgeon general warning. The contrabands were discovered in regular shipping cartons.

Masaharu said the same container also contained 6,063 pieces of counterfeit Polo Ralph Lauren shirts and 5,978 pieces of Burberry shirts.

Citing Commerce's records, Masaharu said that Ming Li Corp. runs a wholesale general merchandise, retail store, and a

big businesses' doors to check everything, including whether they are following the receipt laws, whether they have valid business licenses and whether they are current in tax payments, among other things. Poker establishments will also see more visits from enforcement officers.

"My personal goal is to double the average annual collection from back taxes—to \$6 million to \$10 million. But until we go out and see what's there, we don't really know the exact increase to expect but I would like to double what we're collecting, if not triple," she said.

Larson, however, said Finance is still reviewing a tax amnesty bill.

The CNMI government has millions to collect in back taxes. These unpaid taxes dating back to the '80s include business gross revenue tax, taxes on wages, salary or earnings or withholding tax, hotel

Also found were 5,978 pieces of Burberry shirts. Customs said the estimated "street value" is \$30 a piece or \$179,340 for everything.

However, if they were genuine Burberry shirts, the estimate retail price at legitimate shops is \$265 per piece or a total of \$1.584 million for 5,978 shirts.

Enforcement

Larson, during the news briefing, commended Customs staff and employees for "putting their heart into what they do."

"A lot of times it's reported there's no enforcement. But there is enforcement. We try to use what we can and make the best of what we have. We really try to keep the playing field equal for all. We have all these legitimate businesses [that] are doing their part, paying their taxes, following the laws and regulations. And any time someone comes in and does something like this they cheat and make it harder for people who do the right thing," she said.

The Finance secretary said there would be stronger enforcement.

"I hope that we don't see too many instances like this but people who do try to come in, it will be a lot more difficult to come in and try to commit fraud in the Commonwealth. We are going to make it as hard as possible for all of them," Larson added.

Mafnas, who was appointed back to Customs in March as acting director before becoming director once again in April, said, "Like any other smuggler,

commercial space rental in Garapan and As Lito.

Masaharu said that, according to the bill of lading shipping documents, the container was consigned to Ming Li Corp. and that the company's representative had asked Customs to inspect the container at the consignee's premises. Customs director Jose C. Mafnas denied the request.

The alleged Ming Li representative allegedly offered to pay the CNMI government \$100,000 in two increments.

Masaharu said that, on May

room, bar and jackpot taxes, and excise tax.

But while the government wanted to collect all these unpaid taxes plus penalties and interests, doing so in some cases could result in business closures so the government has been working on settlement agreements and payment plans with some of these taxpayers.

The government has also been filing separate notices of tax lien against several entities so that these entities would enter into a payment plan with the government, for them to be able to settle their obligations while allowing them to continue to do business in the CNMI.

Budget, rebate

Gov. Eloy S. Inos requested a \$5.315 million budget for the Department of Finance in fiscal year 2014, and Larson said the department can live with this budget.

Finance anticipates that in

they would deny that they know what's in there," when asked about the owner's reaction when the undeclared items were discovered.

"On top of that, it's fraud because [they have] 'Made in the Northern Mariana Islands USA' label... and we know there are no garment factories here," he said.

There may be more to the issue than the confiscation of undeclared and illegal items.

"With this interception, I think there is, maybe not a big one but you know I'm not going to say there's none," when asked whether Customs thinks there is underground garment manufacturing on the island.

When asked whether the Polo Ralph Lauren, Burberry, and other luxury brands being sold at the flea market in Susupe every Saturday, for example, are real or fake, Mafnas said, "I have to say it's counterfeit. I mean...the only place where you can find genuine right now is Duty Free."

He said he could not comment further on the fact that these items sold at flea markets in Susupe every Saturday have not been confiscated.

"There's no doubt those came in through somewhere, ports of entry. I'm not at liberty to talk about that. I wasn't here...but from hereon, we are going to be more vigilant in ensuring that nothing like this passes through Customs," he said.

Depending on the court's decision, Mafnas said Customs is ready to incinerate or destroy the confiscated items.

30, 2013, he met with Ming in the Customs seaport conference room, during which Ming allegedly claimed that the illegal shirts and cigarettes inside the container belonged to another Chinese individual named Xing Kiao Liu.

Masaharu said that Ming claimed that he was not sure if the name of the Chinese individual was his real name.

He said Ming also stated that he did not know where Liu is residing and that he believes that person might have already fled back to China.

2014, the Group Health and Life Insurance Program would be placed under Finance.

Larson, however, said that Finance is hoping that revenues will increase in 2014, so that departments may be able to receive additional funding. For Finance, for example, they wish to hire more personnel especially in the area of enforcement.

During the House Ways and Means Committee's hearing on Finance's budget, lawmakers also asked about the expected release of rebate and refund checks, along with child tax credit checks.

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why the declaration is needed.

"We need further elaboration on this exigency resolution... and the need for it," said Orilla during the open session.

Based on a copy of the proposed resolution obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, Hart is seeking "blanket authority" in order to ensure that NMC address all accreditation deficiencies.

During the exigency period, procurement policies and procedures will be suspended in order to address accreditation related goals.

"Be it further resolved that the Board of Regents hereby delegates full authority to the president to recognize revenue and reprogram funds within the college's budget as necessary or helpful to address accreditation related goals and to take such other action as is reasonably necessary (including the temporary suspension of institutional policies and procedures) in furtherance of the necessary actions identified," reads part of the resolution.

Additionally, the board may further delegate responsibilities and authority as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of the resolution. Normal policies shall be fully restored at the end of the show cause period or when the regents so determine.

Saipan Tribune learned that the board called in to the executive session the college's procurement and supply officer, Anita Camacho. It was learned that regents asked Camacho

Larson said the target date is August. She, however, said Finance may be able to release rebate and refund checks earlier than that.

Vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (IR-Saipan) and other lawmakers also asked Customs director Joe Mafnas about the Customs K9 program, which has been recently reactivated. K9 handlers are now undergoing training, so that drug- and bomb-detector dogs can once again be used, making cargo and passenger inspections faster than the manual inspection process at the seaport and airport.

about procurement policies that relate to the accreditation requirements.

An exigency resolution was first enacted in 2008 when NMC was dealing with its first show-cause.

In February 2011, the board had wanted to reactivate the declaration to give then president Lorraine Cabrera a "tool" that she might need to prepare for the show cause report. The management team, however, strongly opposed the idea and said this may cause more harm than good in NMC's efforts to reaffirm its accreditation. The board later scrapped the proposal.

A state of exigency will result in the suspension of existing policies and procedures to allow the president to take all actions necessary to resolve urgent problems.

In 2011, then accreditation liaison officer Galvin Deleon Guerrero stated that the exigency proposal might only fuel concerns raised by the accrediting commission.

"The intent behind the resolution is very commendable. Our concern is that the nature of the resolution, particularly exigency in nature, might fuel the concerns of the commission about actions taken by NMC that tend to be ad hoc and reactionary," Deleon Guerrero told the board at the February 2011 meeting.

The accrediting commission early this year placed the college anew on show-cause status, saying that NMC has not fully addressed the concerns it had raised. It has given the college until Oct. 15 to submit a report on why it should be allowed to keep its accreditation.

the eve of that public hearing.

Yumul said the administration has every right to withdraw its nomination. "But I have no information why it was withdrawn," he added.

The administration remains mum about the nomination's withdrawal.

"However, it is with deep regret to inform you that I am withdrawing his appointment at this time. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you and other members of the Senate," Inos said in a letter to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) on Sunday.

Acting Senate president Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said in his view, the "negatives outweigh the positives" about the nomination.

Quichocho did not return media calls/emails for comment either.

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of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, said yesterday that Quichocho nomination is a lesson learned for everyone.

Yumul said in his personal opinion, this could have been avoided if the associate judge position was vetted thoroughly including the views of the Bar Association or the legal community, and a background check.

"Do your homework before you pick a nominee," Yumul said, sharing his personal view.

The Senate EAGI Committee chaired by Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) was already set to hear public comments on Quichocho nomination yesterday. The nomination was withdrawn on

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Ming's bail was set at \$10,000 cash and \$490,000 in unsecured or appearance bond.

Customs Lieutenant Poland Masaharu disclosed in his report that CNMI custom agents intercepted the 40-footer container on May 19, 2013, at the Saipan seaport.

Upon inspection, Customs agents discovered a total of 2,102 cartons of undeclared Marlboro and Philip Morris cigarettes. He

Fund threatens to evict WCC due to unpaid rent, utilities

The NMI Retirement Fund has threatened to kick out the Workers' Compensation Commission from its building after the agency failed to pay its rent since

January 2013.

Fund counsel Rebecca Wrightson told Finance Secretary Larissa Larson in a letter on Friday that WCC already owes the Fund a

total of \$7,086.85 in unpaid rent.

Public Law 17-88 or The Workers Compensation Functions Transfer Amendment Act of 2011, which was enacted in

November 2012, transferred the WCC from the Fund's administration to the Department of Commerce. Under this transfer authority, the commission's operating accounts were also moved to the new lead agency.

Wrightson pointed out that WCC always made timely payment of its rent during the time when it was still under the Fund for many years. This only stopped since WCC was moved to Finance six months ago.

"WCC has been a long time tenant in the Fund's building and routinely paid its rent and utilities

in a timely fashion. Conversely, since Finance assumed responsibility for WCC's operating accounts, the Fund has not received a single payment on behalf of WCC," according to the lawyer.

It was disclosed that the over \$7,000 arrears represent unremitted payments for building rent, utilities, and its portion of the fiscal year 2011 audit.

Wrightson informed Larson that the Fund expects remittance of the payment on or before June 17.

"If this amount is not received [by then], the Fund will be forced

to take steps toward evicting WCC," Wrightson added.

Press secretary Angel Demapan has yet to comment on the matter as of press time.

WCC was established in 1989 under Public Law 6-33 to provide cash benefits, medical care, and rehabilitative services to employees who suffer job-related injuries or deaths. The program also protects employers from the rising cost of damages by limiting the amount employees may recover for on-the-job injuries or deaths. **(Moneth G. Deposa)**

POLICE BRIEFS

Man allegedly assaults girlfriend

A man was arrested Wednesday, June 5, for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend at their home in Chalan Kanoa. Kevin Mendoza Piol, 25, was taken to the Superior Court on Friday, June 7, on charges of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$1,250. It was Piol's girlfriend herself who called police to report the alleged assault. According to the police report prepared by detective Francisco Romeo O. Iginoef, the girlfriend called DPS after Piol hit her twice on the head with a baby bag. Piol called her vulgar names when she asked him to drop off their daughter at a friend's house. The girlfriend said she threw a baby bottle at Piol to get his attention, but Piol in return hit her on the head with the baby bag. Piol was found at the Smile Poker arcade and was arrested there after the girlfriend identified him. **(Reina Perez)**

Woman arrested for alleged child abuse

A woman was arrested on Monday, June 3, on Navy Hill for alleged child abuse. Momilani Phillip, 21, was arrested on the charges of child abuse, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Her bail was set at \$5,000. According to police detective Therese S. Kintoki's report, Phillip's mother called police to report that her daughter had hit Phillip's two sons. Police officers inspected the boys and

found swelling on their faces. Phillip was arrested and taken to the Department of Corrections. Phillip's mother had heard the boys crying inside the bathroom, according to the report, and went to check what had happened. She

was told by the boys that Phillip had hit them. She asked Phillip about it, who replied that the way she disciplines her children was none of her mother's business. Phillip's two sons are now with their grandmother.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class of '83 meeting on Friday

The Marianas High School Class of 1983 would like to invite everyone for our general meeting on Friday, June 14, 2013, 7pm at the Filcom Pavilion, next to the basketball court in Susupe. The purpose of the meeting is for the distribution of the banquet tickets, t-shirts orders, and other reunion activities. For more inquiry or information call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665.

MHS calendar of activities

Marianas High School would like to inform students, graduating seniors, parents, and the general public of upcoming and very important dates:

■ **June 12:** Early dismissal at 12pm

■ **June 12, 13, 14:** Graduation practice (Graduating seniors must attend) 8:30am – 11:15am

■ **June 12:** Cap and gown cap pick-up (before graduation practice)

■ **June 17:** Awards ceremony 9am, MHS Gymnasium

■ **June 18:** Graduation ceremony 4pm, MHS Gymnasium



 COLLEGE ACCESS
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Cash for College

Step-By-Step Workshop to Help You Find Thousands of \$\$\$ For College this Fall 2013 Semester!

Attend Northern Marianas College's FREE Cash for College Workshop and receive personal assistance in completing forms for:

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- CNMI Scholarship
- TEACH Grant
- Other Financial Aid

Saturday, June 15, 2013
NMC's Building A

The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by any time between 9:00am and 3:00pm.

Although not required for entry to the workshop, please bring the following documents to help you complete the scholarship forms at the workshop:

1. ID: Passport, Birth Certificate, or Green Card
2. Official Transcript (3 Official Copies)
3. Tax Forms: Your or your parents' signed 2012 1040 form (2012 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes)
4. Proof of CNMI residency for 2011 and 2012 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voter's Certification, etc.)
5. Voter Certification (to show you voted in the last election - Contact CNMI Election Commission for more information.)

***Attending the free workshop also qualifies you for a waiver of NMC's application and placement test fees for the Fall 2013 semester (a savings of up to \$75!)

The Cash for College Workshop is made possible through funds from the U.S. DOE, College Access Challenge Grant



Local law gives \$29K as partial payroll for Tinian municipal employees

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, when he was acting governor on Thursday, signed into local law a measure that would give a total of \$29,039 for Tinian municipal employees' partial payroll.

This funding is expected to cover for at least the 24 hours that were unpaid during the May 17 payroll. Municipal employees also were not able to receive their paycheck during the latest payroll because no portion of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino revenue was remitted to the municipal government in time for the latest payroll.

Rep. Trenton Conner's House Local Bill 18-16, Draft 2 is now Tinian Local Law 18-4.

The bill passed the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation by a vote of 4-0 last week.

The new law appropriates \$22,000 from Tinian Local Law 14-2 and re-appropriates \$14,039 from TLL 18-1 and 18-2. Of the total amount, \$29,039 will go toward municipal employees' payroll account.

The remaining \$3,000 will be used by the Tinian San Jose Fiesta Committee to repay vendors, and \$4,000 for the Tinian Little League Association. *(Haidee V. Eugenio)*

Tinian son graduates from Coast Guard Academy



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ensign Freddy Hofschneider III has his picture taken with U.S. Vice President Joe Biden.

Ensign Freddy U. Hofschneider III, a 2008 graduate of Tinian Jr./Sr. High School, has graduated with honors from the U.S Coast Guard Coast Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Hofschneider majored in Operations Research & Computer Analysis and was also presented his commission by U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden during the 132nd commencement exercises.

Of the 295 cadets who were sworn in for the Class of 2013, 224 graduated.

Prior to receiving his appointment to the Coast Guard Academy, Hofschneider attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico for preparatory school.

Hofschneider is only the second graduate of the Coast Guard Academy from the CNMI. Lt. Christine T. Igismar of Saipan was the first to graduate in 2008.

Hofschneider will be assigned as a deck watch officer to Coast Guard cutter *Assateague*, which is homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam. He is the son of Freddy Jr. and Rinenta Hofschneider of Tinian.

The Coast Guard Academy offers a four-year education program of instruction de-

signed to provide cadets the knowledge and experience essential to become leaders of character. As one of the smallest of the five federal service academies, the academy offers a higher education experience that emphasizes leadership, physical fitness, and professional development. Cadets are required to devote themselves to an honor concept and after graduation go directly into positions of leadership in service to others. Unlike the other federal service academies, admission to the academy does not require a congressional nomination. *(PR)*

Gregorio, Navarro top GMS 2013 graduates

Green Meadow School promoted a small group of 6th grade students during its 3rd Elementary Commencement Exercises on May 25, 2013, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Pionnah Rosej B. Gregorio was named the valedictorian of her graduating class.

In her valedictory address, Gregorio recalled her kindergarten days at Green Meadow School where, according to her, she learned another meaning of the word ‘family.’ Gregorio was always an active participant in almost all school extracurricular activities and in academic competitions on Saipan and spelling bee in Guam. Gregorio’s team was responsible for winning for GMS the 2012 Elementary Academic Bee championship and again for placing third this year in the same competition. Gregorio hopes to one day return to GMS or to other school as a teacher.



PIONNAH ROSEJ B. GREGORIO
Valedictorian – Elementary



CHEALZKA M. NAVARRO
Valedictorian - Kindergarten 5

the May 25, 2013. This year’s K5 class salutatorian was Jian Carlo Sales.

Former governor Juan Nekai Babauta, who was the keynote speaker in this year’s graduation ceremonies, spoke about the importance of preparing for the future at an early age, using his own experiences as examples.

Water outage in Koblerville on Thursday

Residents of Koblerville, Tototville, and Afetna will experience a nine-hour water outage on Thursday, June 13, 2013, from 8am to 5pm, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. yesterday.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC’s contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., to replace non-working gate valves along Koblerville Road and Tinaktak Drive. This project is part of the Koblerville Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The water outage will affect residents living in the Koblerville, Tototville, and Afetna area.

CUC’s operations team and AIC Marianas will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

For more information, call project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. *(CUC)*

BoG credit card details on Ifit online, www.gotomycard.com

HAGATNA, Guam—In addition to checking your credit card balance, making a payment and even applying for a credit line increase, Bank of Guam has added a new feature to its existing package of online services for its credit card customers.

Effective immediately, customers are now able to transfer higher rate balances from non-Bank of Guam credit and store-issued cards to the bank’s Delta Visa Credit Card. Under the “Products and Services” tab, customers may select “Transfer a Balance” to take advantage of the Delta Visa rates.

Bank of Guam customers may register and access their cards through IFITonline, the bank’s online banking platform at www.bankofguam.com, or by going directly to www.gotomycard.com. Terms and conditions are available on both the bankofguam.com and gotomycard.com websites. *(Bank of Guam)*

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
of
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS
for
PROGRAM YEAR 2013
and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This advertisement is paid for by NMHC with CPD Funds.

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is announcing the availability of \$1,342,738.00 in Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds available from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NMHC anticipates receiving \$968,331.00 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); \$325,684.00 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, \$48,743.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2013.

The following projects were previously awarded CDBG funds, but due to HUD program requirements, the funds originally allocated to these projects were reprogrammed. For PY 2013, NMHC is restoring the CDBG funding for these previously selected projects in the following order of priority. Projects on this list will be provided PY 2013 funds up to the actual CDBG allocation and any remaining projects will be held as follows:

The following projects to receive PY2013 CDBG funds are:

1. Public School System: Saipan Southern High School (SSHS) Swim for Life Instructional Pool.
-Approximately \$250,000.00 of CDBG funds to be allocated to SSHS Swim for life instructional pool.
2. Public School System: Gregorio T. Camacho (GTC) Elementary School library extension.
-Approximately \$200,000.00 of CDBG funds to be allocated to GTC Elementary School library extension.

The CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) to meet other urgent community development needs.

The CDBG program requires a grant recipient to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of persons. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulation and applicable local law.

HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financing assistance, site acquisition or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single-family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention activities. Use of ESG funds must benefit the homeless.

Information concerning eligibility uses of the grant funds may be obtained upon request at the respective offices of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) located on Garapan, Saipan; San Jose, Village, Tinian; and, Songsong Village, Rota.

In order to plan ahead as to the use(s) of the PY 2013 allocation, the NMHC will be conducting hearings to obtain public input on community development and housing needs, and to provide information to the public on the status of the approved ongoing CDBG projects. The public hearings will be held as follows:

1. On Rota, July 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the NMHC Office, Songsong Village;
2. On Tinian, July 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the NMHC Office in San Jose Village; and,
3. On Saipan, July 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan.

Accommodations for disabled individuals or other non-English speaking individuals who wish to attend the public hearing are available upon request by giving at least 24 hours notice prior to the meeting so that such needs can be arranged and provided. Additional inquiries, concerning the CDBG program, such as eligibility criteria and program requirements, may be directed in writing to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. 500514, Saipan, MP, 96950, or by calling Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director at 234-6866 or 234-7689.

/s/ **Jesse S. Palacios**
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, June 14, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor of the Captain George Fleming Building, at the Port of Saipan.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
 1. Call to Order
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 2. Roll Call
 4. Adoption of Minutes (May 31, 2013)
- II. BOARD ORGANIZATION**
 1. Election of Officers
 2. Appointments of Standing Committee Chairs and members
- III. CORRESPONDENCES**
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 1. Financial Affairs Committee
 3. Seaport Facilities Committee
 2. Airport Facilities Committee
 4. Personnel Affairs Committee
- V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 1. None
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Proposed Personnel Rules and Regulations
 2. Supplemental Budget Request
 - a. Seaport
 - b. Airport
 3. Status of Air-conditioning Preventive Maintenance RFP
 4. Freedom Air (Lease Agreement, Compliance and Accounts Receivable)
 5. Proposed Board meeting calendar
 6. US Air Force Divert Airport Layout Plan
 7. Partial Privatization of Custodial Services
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION/Legal Counsel Report**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ **JOSE R. LIFOIFOI**
Chairman, Board of Directors

June 10, 2013

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA
ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For: Jyawnna Relliene Marie, Camacho Joyner, Minor Child,	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0221
By:	NOTICE OF HEARING
Max Peter Kretzers, Aurelia Alepuyo Kretzers, Petitioners.	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 1, 2013, at 10:30 am in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2013.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court

Slaughterhouse in Lower Base changes hands

By REINA S. PEREZ
STUDENT REPORTER

The Lower Base slaughterhouse—the brainchild of the late Tony Pellegrino and the only slaughterhouse in the CNMI that is certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—has changed hands and is now fully operational.

Chong Nam “Charles” Lee, general manager of Marianas Meat Harvesting Corp., said his company bought the slaughterhouse from Pellegrino on May 1.

According to Lee, he wants to help support local farmers and ranchers by buying their pigs and cows for slaughter in order to provide the CNMI community with USDA-certified meat. He wants to work with local farmers and ranchers to help the island’s economy through its agricultural industry.

Lee said the company also

owns a farm in San Antonio that serves as their product source.

The USDA office on Saipan is located in the slaughterhouse and a USDA inspector from Guam inspects all the meat that is slaughtered and stamps it with the USDA approval if the meat passes inspection.

The goal of Marianas Meat Harvesting Corp. is to provide the community with fresh meat and to support the local agricultural sector, Lee said.

Although the meat is sold at a higher price than imported frozen meat, Lee assured that their products have better quality.

The company supplies meat to XO Market, 99 Cents Supermarket, and several restaurants.

Although they have yet to see any profit, Lee said the company is just starting and he is optimistic that the market will become better as people see the benefit of buying fresh meat products.

Lee said the company wants

to start a program that works with farmers and ranchers on how to raise higher grade pigs and cows and he hopes to someday be able to export fresh meat to countries such as Japan, Korea, and even Guam.

Chong Nam “Charles” Lee, general manager of the slaughterhouse in Lower Base, shows off the room where all the slaughtering will take place.

REINA S. PEREZ



Thespian team to perform tonight

The Thespians of Western Pacific Islands will be performing a play called “Property Rites” by Alan Haehnel tonight at the Marianas High School Dolphin Theatre (T building) starting at 7pm.

The TWPI will also be performing this play at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 29.

The play is about an art gallery owner who tries to sell figurines, but cannot because a certain virus has infected them. A figure breaks free from the programming and power source and realizes that it is her job to help the other figurines come alive before they are “closed-out” or destroyed.

It is “a play about transformation and what it means to be human,” said director Kaitlin Bolger.

The cast consists of student winners of the Thespian competition, and the TWPI has been working on the play for about a month and a half. Tonight, they will showcase their skills to bring *Property Rites* to life.

The cast members include Saipan Southern High School’s Mikhail Alcantara and Soon Kwon, Marianas High School’s Harold Aranda, Grace Barro, Darren Cajipo, Lady Dominique Canape, Simeí Charfauros, Anne Cruz, Jorem Guardian, Noel Jimenez, Rosemarie Ann Liangco, Annabel Manzo, Rolando Sangalang, Ericka Serrano, Vivien Viernes, and Andrew Villanueva, Hopwood Junior High School’s Diane Hermogenes, Grace Christian Academy’s Robert Marmito and Cyril Salcedo, and Saipan American Education Foundation school’s Kyle Villegas.

The technical crew for the play include Saipan Southern’s Carlos Manalo, costume design; Marianas High School’s Hannah Alcorido, scenic design; Saipan Southern’s Xiao Tong “Andy” Chang, scenic assistant; and Saipan Southern’s Yong Jeong Kim, marketing.

Tickets for the play are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. (Reina S. Perez)

Registration for history workshop expanded

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council has expanded the target audience for the History Research Workshop to be held at the Northern Marianas College on June 24-28.

The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Anne P. Hattori of the University of Guam, was originally intended for high school and NMC students. Due to the availability of seating, the Council is now accepting applications from the general public.

Hattori will introduce participants to a variety of reference tools and methods with a special emphasis on oral history, family and village history, and cultural/

ethnographic history.

The 40-hour program is a great way to sharpen research and writing skills and to learn more about local history.

Application forms for the workshop may be obtained from the council’s office in Gualo Rai, from Lucretia Borja at the Public School System and Frankie Eliptico at Northern Marianas College.

It may also be downloaded from the council’s website at www.nmihumanities.org.

Contact Council staff at 235-4785 for more information about this upcoming educational opportunity. (NMI Humanities Council)



Hattori



SUMMER ECO CAMP 2013

June 17 – August 9, 2013




Schedule: Monday through Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

Price: Per Session (2 weeks): \$195.00
Per Week: \$125.00
Daily: \$30.00

Ages: 4 years old to 13 years old

Early Bird Sign Ups get a FREE Eco Camp Hat
Offer good while supplies last.

Session 1: June 17 to June 28
Session 2: July 1 to July 12
Session 3: July 15 to July 26
Session 4: July 29 to August 9

Lunch Buffet (optional) is at \$6 per child or please provide lunch for child/children
*Please provide Water Bottles and Snacks for child/children

What to bring: towel, change of clothes, water bottle, sunscreen, snacks, and comfortable shoes for hiking, biking and field games

Activities: Go kart, swimming, kayaking, snorkeling, hiking, dance class, arts and crafts, putt putt, field games and more,

**Majority of our activities involve swimming so please have your child/children come in with their swimming suit on in the morning.*

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Witch hunts in PNG linked to jealousy

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—On a tropical island in Papua New Guinea where most people live in huts, a mob armed with guns, machetes and axes stormed a wooden house by night. They seized Helen Rumbali and three female relatives, set the building on fire and took the women away to be tortured. Their alleged crime: Witchcraft.

After being repeatedly slashed with knives, Rumbali's older sister and two teenage nieces were released following negotiations with police. Rumbali, a 40-something former schoolteacher, was beheaded.

Her assailants claimed they had clear proof that Rumbali had used sorcery to kill another villager who recently died of sickness: The victim's grave bore the marks of black magic, and a swarm of fire flies apparently led witch hunters to Rumbali's home.

Violence linked to witch hunts is an increasingly visible problem in Papua New Guinea—a diverse tribal society of more than 800 languages and 7 million people who are mostly subsistence farmers. Experts say witch hunting appears to be spreading to parts of the country where the ruthless practices never took place before.

There is no clear explanation for the apparent uptick in killings in parts of the South Pacific nation, and even government officials seem at a loss to say why this is happening. Some are arguing the recent violence is fueled not by the nation's widespread belief in black magic but instead by economic jealousy born of a mining boom that has widened the country's economic divide and pitted the haves against the have-nots.

"Jealousy is causing a lot of hatred," said Helen Hakena, chairwoman of the North Bougainville Human Rights Committee, which is based in the area Rumbali was killed. "People who are so jealous of those who are doing well in life, they resort to what our people believe in, sorcery, to kill them, to stop them continuing their own development."

She said the witchcraft accusation against Rumbali was just an excuse.

"That was definitely a case of jealousy because her family is really quite well off," Hakena said.

She said villagers were envious because Rumbali's husband and son had government jobs, they had a "permanent house" made of wood, and the family had tertiary educations and high social standing.

The United Nations has documented hundreds of cases of sorcery-related violence in Papua New Guinea in recent years and many more cases in remote areas are thought to have gone unreported. It found the attacks are often carried out with impunity.

Until last month, the coun-



In this Feb. 6, 2013 file photo, hundreds of bystanders watch Helen Rumbali, a woman accused of witchcraft, being burned alive in the Western Highlands provincial capital of Mount Hagen in Papua New Guinea.

try's 42-year-old Sorcery Act allowed for a belief in black magic to be used as a partial legal defense for killing someone suspected of inflicting harm through sorcery. The government repealed the law in response to the recent violence.

"There's no doubt that there are really genuine beliefs there and in some circumstances that is what is motivating people: the belief that if they don't kill this person, then this person is going to continue to bring death and misfortune and sickness on their village," said Miranda Forsyth, a lawyer at Australian National University who has studied the issue.

But she said recent cases in Papua New Guinea don't appear to be motivated by a genuine belief in the occult, but instead are a pretext under which the wealthy can be attacked by poorer neighbors, and, many times, get away with it.

She and other experts on witchcraft in the Melanesia region believe Papua New Guinea's newfound prosperity and the growing inequality in its traditionally egalitarian culture is a significant cause of the violence. Neighboring Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, where belief in black magic is also widespread, haven't seen the same level of extreme violence against accused witches.

The difference, they say, is that Papua New Guinea has had the fastest economic growth.

A wealth of mineral resources and natural gas has transformed the nation's long-stagnant economy into one of the world's fastest growing over the past decade, increasing on average almost 7 percent annually from 2007 to 2010. Growth peaked at 8.9 percent in 2011 before slowing to 8 percent last year.

The Asian Development

Bank reported last year that Papua New Guinea has one of the highest levels of inequality, if not the highest, in the Asia-Pacific region.

These socio-economic problems have inevitably played into a cultural landscape that includes a belief in witches and black magic, said Kate Schuetze, a regional researcher for Amnesty International.

"There is always a reason for the accusation, whether it's jealousy, wanting to access someone else's land, a personal grudge against that person or a previous land dispute," Schuetze said.

Papua New Guinea Deputy Public Prosecutor Ravunama Auka doesn't buy that jealousy has been behind a significant number of the sorcery-related slayings he had dealt with. While he did not have statistics, he said most victims were slain due to a genuine belief that they had killed through sorcery.

Auka had no doubt sorcery-related slayings were increasing, but could not explain why.

"There are all sorts of reasons, not only because some people are wealthy and some are not," Auka said.

Another possible explanation is the spread of particularly vicious sorcery beliefs that before were just seen in the highland province of Chimbu, said anthropologist Philip Gibbs, a sorcery specialist and Roman Catholic priest who has lived in the wilds of Papua New Guinea for the past 41 years.

In Chimbu, people bury their dead in concrete so that the bodies will not be eaten at night by small demonic animals that they believe can possess the living. Villagers pay witch doctors to divine who among them are possessed by these demons, which they believe leave the

person's body at night and take on the form of any small animal.

Gibbs said those suspected of being possessed are often tortured to make confessions and are sometimes killed.

"That form is spreading to other provinces where it's never existed before and we're asking the question why," Gibbs said.

Accused families abandon their small farms in a hurry, usually taking only what they can carry in a bag. The villagers must then decide who occupies the vacant land.

"That's where the jealousy and the greed can come in," Gibbs said.

Papua New Guinea is under growing international pressure to respond to the violence after a series of high-profile cases made world headlines.

In February, a mob stripped, tortured and bound a woman accused of witchcraft, then burned her alive in front of hundreds of horrified witnesses in Mount Hagen, the country's third largest city. In July, police arrested 29 people accused of being part of a cannibal cult in Papua New Guinea's jungle interior and charged them with the murders of seven suspected witch doctors.

In the case of Rumbali, which took place in April, no arrests have been made, but police said they are treating it as "first degree murder."

Police Senior Inspector Cl-etus Tsien would not speculate on the motive for the crime.

"We know that this family was wealthy. We know that maybe there were bits and pieces of jealousy. We know they were accused of sorcery ... but there's no concrete evidence as to which factor contributed to the death of the late woman," Tsien said.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 11, 2004

Lifting of zoning suspension OK'd

The Saipan and Northern Island Legislative Delegation passed yesterday a bill that lifts the suspension of zoning on Saipan, despite a reported opinion by the Attorney General's Office advising against it. The AGO, according to the delegation also questioned the body's authority over the matter. "We approved the zoning bill that lifted the suspension of the Zoning Act. We went on record expressing the members' concerns. We didn't acknowledge the AG's opinion," delegation chairman Pete P. Reyes said yesterday.

Hotel to pour \$500K into new water system

As part of efforts to preserve the pristine quality of Saipan's beaches, Hotel Nikko Saipan disclosed plans to spend about \$500,000 for the construction of a new reverse osmosis plant and improvement of the hotel's water treatment and disposal system. Nikko vice president Hideo Nishigori said the project is being undertaken under the direction of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Division of Environmental Quality. According to Nishigori, the planned improvements would include the construction of a new RO plant, storage tanks and pumps and additional water wells at the Paupau Terrace across the hotel. The project will also cover the closure of the existing RO brine disposal system and the conversion of old water wells into injection wells.

June 11, 2005

Reyes: Investigate AG's husband

Minority leader Pete P. Reyes wants the Office of the Public Auditor and a federal agency to investigate the use of federal funds for a contract awarded to Seafix Inc., the company being managed by Mark Blackburn. Reyes introduced yesterday Senate Resolution 14-54 to inform the Government Accountability Office and OPA of "possible conflict of interest" surrounding the recent awarding of a \$200,000 contract by the CNMI Water Task Force to Seafix Inc. The Senate did not act on the resolution yesterday. The contract was for the purchase of supplies, tools, and equipment. Blackburn is a member of the water task force and is married to Attorney General Pamela Brown, who is also a member of the task force.

Babauta underscores NMI-RP relations

Gov. Juan N. Babauta said Filipinos make up half the CNMI's population but are not being given their due. The Commonwealth's chief executive mentioned this during his speech yesterday at the *vin d'honneur* hosted by the Philippine Consulate General marking the country's 107th Independence Day celebrations. Babauta said Filipinos are so much part of the community that they are now taken for granted. "That would be a mistake," he added.

June 11, 2006

High Court sides with bank in suit vs Fennell

The CNMI Supreme Court has reversed the Superior Court's ruling that required the Bank of Saipan to secure indemnification pledges in the amount of \$2 million in private property in order to proceed with its lawsuit against the bank's former receiver, Randall T. Fennell. The High Court ruled that Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama abused his discretion when he ordered Bank of Saipan to procure \$2 million worth of private property indemnification. The high tribunal cited that there has been no plenary hearing as mandated and that it is unclear whether, and to what extent, defendants Fennell and his former counsel enjoy immunity.

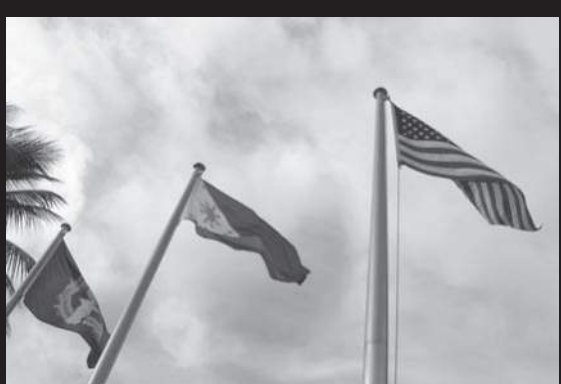
Chamber questions Immigration's new fee

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is questioning the Division of Immigration's "new interpretation" of a law that resulted in its unilateral decision to implement a \$100 fee for each guest workers' annual employment registration rather than the existing \$25 fee. "How did they come out with the figure? We don't understand their computation. We don't know what regulation they're looking at. To us, we treat this \$100 fee as a new tax, which is most inappropriate at this time," said Chamber president Charles V. Cepeda in an interview. Division of Immigration director Melvin Grey said last week that his office began collecting \$100 in immigration fees, which he said has never been implemented correctly since 1996.

Flag-raising kicks off Philippine Independence Day celebration

PHOTOS by REINA S. PEREZ

Philippine Consul General Bayani Mangibin and United Filipino Organization president Adaza prepare to raise the Philippine flag.



The Philippine flag flies alongside the CNMI and U.S. flags at the Kanoa Resort.

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STUDENT REPORTER

Acting CNMI governor Jude U. Hofschneider joined Philippine Consul General Bayani Mangibin and members of the Filipino community on Saipan at the Kanoa Resort on Satur-

day, June 8, for a flag-raising ceremony that marks the start of the celebration of the 115th Philippine Independence Day.

Officials and members of Emon Lodge 179 hosted the 7am flag-raising ceremony at the front of the resort.

As the flag was attached to the pole, Mangibin and United Filipino Organi-

zation president Annamae Adaza presented the Philippine flag.

Hofschneider and Rep. Edmund Vilagomez joined members of the United Filipino Organization in honoring the flag with the singing of the Philippine national anthem.

Hofschneider and Mangibin later

joined members of the Filipino community for the traditional breakfast forum called "*Almusalan at Konsultahan para sa mga Kababayan*" (Breakfast and consultation with the Filipino community).

The traditional *Pistang Pinoy* (Filipino fiesta) that's usually held to

mark Philippine Independence Day will be held this year on Sunday, June 16, from 7am to 10pm, at the Garapan Fishing Base.

The actual Philippine Independence Day is on June 12, which falls this year on a Wednesday, hence the decision to split the festivities across two weeks.



Members of the Emon Lodge 179 carry the Philippine flag toward the parking lot.



Emon Lodge 179 members present the flags and hook it to the flag pole in preparation for the flag raising ceremony.



Members of the United Filipino Organization, acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider, and guests look on as Emon Lodge 179 members carry the flag.



The Philippine national anthem was sung during the flag raising rites.

Opinion

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Military sexual assault epidemic calls for major reforms

Some 26,000 members of the military experienced “unwanted sexual contact” last year, according to the Defense Department, but only 3,374 reported it—strong evidence that victims don’t believe the military justice system works for sex crimes. More than two decades after the Navy Tailhook scandal, the problem only worsens.

The current system stymies prosecution and subjects victims to retaliation. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., says it’s time for Congress to intervene, and she is absolutely right. She and 17 fellow senators of both parties want to take the decision about whether to prosecute sex crimes out of the chain of command and give it to military prosecutors, mirroring the way the rest of civil society operates.

As more cases go to trial, more victims will come forward. That should, at long last, build a culture of zero tolerance, which is what’s needed to at least discourage if not prevent sexual assaults.

Top military brass at a Senate hearing Tuesday opposed Gillibrand’s proposal, even after hearing alarming reports of retaliation against victims while attackers go free. Their testimony showed an archaic ignorance of the damage this is doing to the military, which needs to attract talented young men and women.

Military leaders say the proposal would undermine unity and obedience—that if Congress declares that commanders can’t be trusted with decisions about prosecuting sexual assault, the rank and file won’t trust their choices in combat. But the rank and file don’t trust commanders now to make fair decisions about sexual assault allegations. Nor should they, given the history.

Americans’ impression of the military in general plunges as this problem festers. Just recently, two officers in charge of responding to sexual assaults were arrested for crimes against women, one for groping and one for a domestic incident. What are people to think?

Commanders now are set up to fail. They’re not trained investigators or lawyers, and it’s absurd to think they can be unbiased. When a rape occurs, it reflects poorly on the unit’s leader. And what if the accused is, say, a star fighter pilot?

We don’t let school principals decide whether abuse allegations against teachers are credible; they, too, are conflicted, so they’re required to call in the police. If a woman accuses an office co-worker of rape, the CEO doesn’t get to decide whether charges should be filed.

Gillibrand’s bill is not an infringement on authority. It will relieve commanders of an impossible task. And providing justice for victims of sexual assault will increase respect for commanders and military institutions. Congress needs to act.

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Nation-states and the UN

The reformation in Christendom and the breakdown of the Holy Roman Empire ushered the creation of European nation-states. Normally, nations are considered a cultural unity, and a state is a single political unit. The CNMI, by U.S. judicial record, is to be treated like a state. It is not a nation.

Allies decided after World War II that the colonial boundaries prevailing in the world before the world conflict were to be retained. Many regional and tribal conflicts that followed were a result of the artificial national identification brought about by the political imposition of imperial powers. The Tutsi v. Hutu war is a good example.

The TT was essentially the U.S.’ creation to get Japan’s hands off America’s Pacific above the equator as south of the mid-latitude remained Europe’s.

On the other hand, commercial and other concerns created pockets proclaimed as independent nation-states so that the commerce of their former colonial masters may prevail. Brunei and Kuwait provide examples. Even where a cultural unity prevailed, like in the Koreans, a unified state did not follow as the U.S. interfered after it “lost” China.

The United States is an entity only in relationship to other entities. It prides itself as a nation-state, but as such, is highly dysfunctional. Its legislative body reacts against an executive branch that itself suffers from an ineffective bureaucracy that is built to check first before it balances. The U.S. cultural nexi speaks more of cultural diversity than unity, from Ecotopia of the northwest to the Southern drawl in the southeast, arid TexMex of the southwest to northeast’s New England, and all points in between.

We note that the imbalances in the diversity of the instrumentalities of the United States account for its dynamic synergy. The story, however, of its unity takes precedence over its diversity that its media pick up any discordance as an aberration rather as a natural consequence of its awesome being.

The United Nations suffers from the irrelevance of nation-states. For all the disdain of the communist structure of a political bureau (politburo), the UN Security Council acts like one, and permanent members act like the standing committee that makes or vetoes critical decisions. The General Assembly is essentially a deliberative body best used in grandstanding than in the formulation of policy, where one-nation, one-vote is ceremonial. Even the General Secretary’s office is inspirational, devoid of actual muscle and real command separate from the consent of the Security Council.

We went to school in the State of Texas where a provision in its joining the Union was that it can divide itself into five separate states without jeopardizing its standing in the federation. It is a very divided but federated state. It even acts as a nation unto itself. The

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difference between NoCal and SoCal, with its widespread social diversity, justifies a split of the state also into various cultural units.

In any case, the chicken-and-egg question of which comes first, the nation or the state, is an academic game with no relevant answer. For Europe, the treaty of Westphalia of 1649 usually marks the beginning of the modern state system. This began the clearly defined and balanced sovereignty of independent entities under central control, resulting in the U.S. system of check-and-balances between the three branches of government, Washington, D.C. and the individual 50 states and territories, the upper and lower chambers of Congress, and levels of the judiciary.

Non-sovereign entities like transnational corporations (Apple) and regional as well as global bodies that have attained powers of their own, e.g., E.U., have weakened the control of states, and except for the recognized ethnic diversities of the U.S. and China, nation-states bursting at the seams (like India and Mexico) may actually fade into newer forms of sovereign nationhood-statehood.

The contemporary marketplace of numbers and statistical probabilities will influence a new definition of the state. India quietly grinds in the background, burdened by its monarchical alliance with Britain. China and the United States tower at the heap of the emergent new states with the sheer force of centrally guided but malleable workforce on the former, and a runaway but vibrant consumer society on the latter. China faces the challenge of individual rights; the U.S. struggles with the communal character of internal security over the assertion of human rights. Both point to the need for real venues of citizen’s participation on the one hand, and the necessity of accountable global structures on the other.

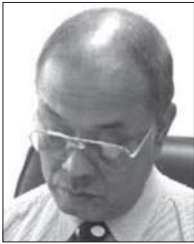
The question finally redounds to whether it is possible to avoid further discord with the current facade of “united nations.” That Xi Jinping of China and Obama of the United States talked about the new world both inhabit is a good sign. It is time for the same conversation to go viral. As for the nation-state, and the tedious decision-making at the UN, perhaps, it is time to give it a rest.

Time to create the parameters of glocal citizenship. May we begin.

Galaide’ kara’ gi halom chubasku

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Parehu sentimentoghu yan un’ primuhu haf’ hale’ probleman moneda guine deste 37 años malofan. Kanaha’ todubirada motmut diskuidu ginen mansabiun I Deni’. Kasesiña na biahe tafa’ segne kanifes mañglu guihe hulu’.

Pa’gu yan haf’ otru sineda’mu, akseptau giya guahu sa’parehu hit ginen papa’ gi señsoñg. Hinehegse Marianas \$740 miyon pesos na dibi, \$369 miyon ginen regulat na dibi yan \$371 miyon na kuenta gi Fondu.

Hana’ hahassu-yu’ finaisen un’ amku: “Hafa Iku sustansian ti un’ huchom i pettan komun gi santatte?” Sige umadagau ham rason. ‘Nai hu danche, ilegña, “Poresu, nafon hayan maseha haf’ un’ tutuhon”. Sige mona, ilegña, “Cha’mu fafaisen-yu’ asuntu ‘nai gaige i ineppe gi dos patman kanai-mu”. Sustansiau yan taduñg na amku’.

Ti matman ha faisenyu’ para bai’ repasa haf’ fina’pos Marianas deste antes de 1978 esta pa’gu na tiempu. Magahet na man-matompu’ hit gi disisionta inapprueban inakonfotman Covenant. Dispues de ha chule’ direcho’ta kumu tautau (sovereignty) yan ‘nos kuantos tanu’, guaha ‘nai ha birague tatte para u rikonose haf’ manatatmanu hit?

Gi karera mona hita ti fumondu i programan man-ritirau. I dibi pa’gu ennau i \$371 miyon pesos. Loka’ña ke hegsu’ I Deni’. De dios na diskuidu.

Trabiha tiha inklululusu kase \$80 miyon pesos para i hospitat yan eskuela siha. Lau hokog i fiñkas antes de umapatten tiau. A’ Saina ma’ase ni man-sabiun mame!

Esta pa’gu ni unu malagu’ kumomprende na i mas dañkulu na disarelgu gaige gi halom man-na’tatah siha na areglu. Pusu dinagau supin tasi sa’ ni unu malagu lumi’uf.

Buente pot man-masuesueddu \$99,500 kada sakan i membron lehislatura na mampos man-bachet gi pinadesen publiku gi señsoñg siha. Hu huñgog na man-ma-opera talañgan niha lau ni ennau ti hiniñgog sineyu’ publiku. De dios mihu na che’chu’ atotgante!

Esta pa’gu taya’ fotmat na programan areglun ekonomia. Pues kase para umacheflague i potput ais ni fumondu batkota dimas de uma-akude boten man-dikiki para umana’ fan safu i tautau. Kau todust’e man-pausata gi hilu’ sumen a’gañg na promesan “better times?” Rikonose fan kau ti kumunanaf halom gi kara’ umañg? Na’fatigau i oppan mampos na diskuidu!

Ti Mahasiñgon

Mamomokat un’ 80 años amku’ gi kanton eskuela, diariu. Umasoda’ yan un’ estudiante ‘nai mamaisen, “Umeskuekuela hau guine hagahu?” Ineppe ni patgon, “Huñgan. Sa hafa? Malagu hau lokue umeskuela?” Respondona si pindeha!

Sige si nanaña umuguñg pot putin dinalag dedigu. Mamaisen i patgon haf’ chenotña. Sinañgane, “Chetnot dinalag!” Sumeha i patgon ya ilegña, “Ti siña nañg na un’ dinalag sa’ chenot riku ‘nau”. De dios!

Fumofofu si Duñg Malas sa’ sinañgane as Juan Malas na unu ha’ na Yuus guaha. “Hombre i dies timalagu’ si pale’ ha akseptu. Todunau chataumu?” A’ Saina ma’ase!

Antes de misan mona, estaba i amiguha ha tataitai tablon Dies na tinagu’ Yuus. Hu ñañgon para u rikonose ayu na patte i chuma’ot yan maplacha’e asaguan tautau. Chaka chalegña ya ilegña, “Gaige ha’ guennau halom i konfisinariu”. Ai che’chu’ lahe ‘nai man-brarabu ha’ i nobiyun i kelat.

Hu huñgog mana’ katen kareta gi hiyuñg guma’. Hu sañgane i

lai’hu para u dispacha na taigueyu’. ‘Nai humuyuñg ti mahñau ha lablayu’, “Ilegña si tatathu na taigue-gue?”. Magpu i nobena! Deste oran ‘las dies man-uñgagyu’ lateria (setbesa). Pot primet biahe maigu’yu’ antes de minachum atdau. De dios!

Matagu’ un’ patgon para u famahan guihañ Iñglis. Sige i tendaralumiliku lau ti ha soda’ finaisen i patgon. Malag i kemun ya ha togcha’ pidosñaj. Ha birague’ tatte ya hana’ ñgiñge’ i tendaru, “Tai guine pauña ayu na guihañ!” Manadan chatfinu’ man-atuguñg huyuñg ginen pachot i tendaru. De dios mihu.

Finahane makinan fax si Lusifet as San Pedro. Konfotme na para u apase tatte. Dispues de sais mesis, ni hoi ni goi, mamatkikilu si Lusifet. Inabisa as San Pedro na kumu ti man-apase, para u kinihaye gi kotte. Ilegña si Lusifet mientras chinigagalu, “Ya manu Duñg ‘nai para un’ fañgone abugaumu?” Magpu’ i apas makinan fax. Che’chu’ faye!

Mampos un’ patgon inestotba ‘nai sinañgane as pale’ na un’ dia para u finanu’e ni chalan i lañget. “Hombre chalan i Post Office to ha soda kuando menos i lañget!”

Mamaisen un’ tautau Presidente Obama na muñga ma-akusa i prohimu “dakun”. Ha rekomenda na ti uma’asoda’ si Obama yan ayu na palabra i “unestu”. Dios mihu! Na ti guiya ha’ ennau yan “dakun?”—un’ tautau ni sessu hana’ atulaika franela yan chinina?

Lastima para finagpu’ tetminoña si Obama. Mampos tai afamauleg gi halom kongressu ni sessu ha labla. Taimanu malofan ginagau areglu siha? Mauleg bai’ na hanau si Magoo ya u finana’ gue dididi’ sensian pinasensia yan hinimidde.

Umasuda-yu’ yan un’ hagas fuetsudu na amiguha. Chata’ kalamten sa’ finimane labaniyu—pogpug koyenturan dos adeñgña. Hu pasensiaye dispues hu gagau para bai’n afulu’ gi hiyuñg hospitat. Esta tutuhu lagooniña ni duron chalegña. Ha lachaiyu’ chumatfinu’e sa’ mientras mas chumaleg, mas machu’ot putin dedigoña. Ai, dispensayu, ti hu hasñgon!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

50-50 on Pagan mining

I still remember when an investor wanted to mine pozzolan for the building of sites for the Olympics that were just held in China but we squandered that great opportunity to get our mining operation going. We didn’t do squat and now there are competing interests that includes the U. S. military and we could lose the whole island. If we had done the right thing and worked with that investor we would not be back to square one and at risk of losing Pagan to the military.

Previously, pozzolan mining was going to do a lot of things to help the economy but helping the Fund was not even in the mix. It is really funny how issues like the casino and now the pozzolan are supposed to fix things. I feel like these excuses for doing things are

CNMI National Guard Unit

I recently read an article that the U.S. Department of Defense will soon conduct a feasibility study for the establishment of a National Guard for both American Samoa and the CNMI. As some of you are aware, National Guard units are totally controlled by state governors, except when activated for federal duty by order of the President. Because of this fact, Guard units are extremely susceptible to becoming highly political. I mean to say that the governor is the commander and chief of his Guard unit. He has complete authority to appoint and promote individuals in the Guard, confer awards, and make assignments as he chooses, and the unit and its personnel must do his bidding.

As a retired Army officer and former Saipan resident, I must comment that any National Guard unit in a jurisdiction as small and politically charged as the CNMI could not help but be dominated by politics, blood relationships, and obligation. It would inherently be an organization of favoritism and an organization where soldiers of the “wrong” political party would be denied appointments, promotions, awards, and desirable duty assignments.

A National Guard unit in the CNMI could not help but mirror the CNMI civil service system. It would be an organization inherently unfair and lacking in equality and one where appointments, promotions, awards, and duty assignments would not be based upon experience, ability, or merit.

Being under local control, and lacking the tight federal controls under which Army Reserve units operate, National Guard units (even in larger states that are not affected by the intense political climate and close blood relationships of the CNMI) are often subject to fiscal mismanagement, inappropriate use of funds, diversion of funds for private purposes, and various other types of corruption. What then could one anticipate for a National Guard unit in the CNMI?

Ronald Mandell
Hesperia, CA

just what they are, *excuses*. When will our leaders start doing things based on merit and the need to be prepared for what lies over the horizon? For me, it seems that too many of our leaders have continued to live and govern only in the *now*, like children who only live in the now. Our leaders are supposed to be visionaries and this pozzolan issue is a clear indicator of blind leadership. The only problem is which leader to blame or hold accountable and we certainly can’t put it all on Ben or any single member of the Legislature.

We now have an opportunity again to develop a mining industry on Pagan and we should not waste time in getting it done. I’m saying this because if we don’t start doing something productive on Pagan you can bet the military *will* take it over. It is really our own fault for not taking the Northern Islands more seriously and doing more to develop them and now Pagan and the islands within the Marine Monument are already in jeopardy of being beyond our control in the future growth and welfare of our Commonwealth.

If the Sablan Company can *prove* they have the investors who will purchase the pozzolan and they can show their ability to deliver the product then why not let them get started—*yesterday!* The \$8 million debt owed the CNMI should also be part of the deal if the Sablan Company is sincere about resolving this debt—it *should not* be a separate issue. Regular people can’t separate a few hundred dollar debt when it comes to their credit so why should we forget the \$8 million? The government and businesses are cracking down on collecting from ordinary citizens and it’s supposed to be OK to forget \$8 million?

The Sablan Company should be allowed to start right away but their contract should be designed to share the *net* profit (50-50) with

A tribute to Anthony Pellegrino

Tony Pellegrino for you the CNMI is so proud
For you stand out above the crowd
A business man at the top of the ranks
Constantly thinking of the CNMI’S good
For this all the Marianas owes you its thanks
He knew all along what Saipan should
His advice, his heart, and his care
Was so great it’s extrodinaire
Now he’s past who’ll carry his load
I search up and down CNMI road
For Saipan business and politics a prophet
But not just for profit
Tony your life is its own farewell
You’ve showed the way oh so well
Pax Domini Sit Semper Vobiscum
And Corpus Domini Nostri Jesu Christi Custodiat Animam Tuam
in Vitam Aeternam
AMEN

Alton Linwood Seaver
Lucy Seaver
Winter Haven, Florida

the CNMI until their debt is paid. This way the Sablan Company will make money and *we the people* can finally get paid twice (collecting business taxes and collecting the \$8 million debt). Can the powers that be *please* let the people win at least *one time* because no one will win if nothing happens. So please get busy as times are tough enough and we need all the help we can get. I just hope the politics of where the money will be spent don’t get in the way and ruin everything because it is clear the money should go to pay *land compensation* being a DPL issue.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Clarification

Your Friday, May 31st report “Nearly 3K enroll in ABE programs in five years; 72 went on to college” contained erroneous information about Guam Community College. In paragraph five, the story states, “NMC’s numbers are much higher than that of the Guam Community College, with only 27 who enrolled in college in the last five years.” According to GCC’s records, since fall 2008, there have been 389 completers of the adult education programs (ABE, ASE, GED, ESL) who transitioned into GCC postsecondary courses. If any of your reporters need information about GCC, please have them contact me and I will be happy to assist. They can also access our institutional information with 6-7 year trends on our website, under About GCC - Public Reports. The GCC Fact Book is available there. Thank you for this opportunity to make a correction.

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Public record

I subscribe to a “public record” research and reporting website, and often I run names just to see posted public records information on selected individuals. If you have a criminal record and had been convicted of a felonious crime, the information would appear on public record domain. In addition, any criminal convictions would also appear in the FBI records.

I searched a public record of a retired teacher and found a criminal conviction for this person on possession of deadly weapon. I wondered how in heavens name this individual would be allowed to teach and retire in our PSS. This is just to make a point that information like this is public record and if it is a record in public domain, there is no secret to this and the whole world knows that this type of public record is easily obtained from many sources.






It is something to remind the people in the CNMI that criminal history records are public domain property and you can’t hide from it and, unfortunately, your past would follow you to your grave.

Francisco R. Agulto
Kannat Tabla, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼82
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲93 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲87 ▼81
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Kosrae	Showers	▲86 ▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲87 ▼81

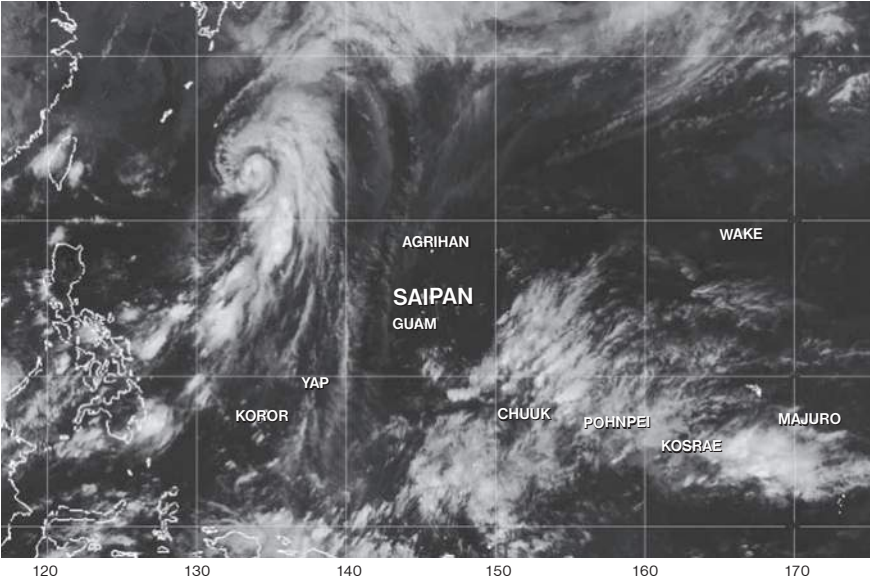
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Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼59
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲82 ▼76
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73 ▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼81
Melbourne	Showers	▲61 ▼46
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
New York	Rain	▲70 ▼66
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼71
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲71 ▼58
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲75 ▼67
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲74 ▼61
Salem	Sunny	▲74 ▼49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼52
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲85 ▼69
Tokyo	Showers	▲73 ▼69
Washington, DC	Showers	▲77 ▼70

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:37 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:12 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
4:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Yagi (03W) is centered 440 east-southeast of Okinawa at 23N134E and moving toward north-northeast at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are north of 20N to beyond 25N from 132E to 139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are within 100 miles of a line from 20N136E to 14N132E. For more information on Tropical Storm Yagi, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM and see warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. A disturbance is centered near 4N146 with areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Chuuk state between the equator and 7N from 145E to 155E. An upper-level low centered east of the Marianas near 17N150E along with low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in areas from north of Chuuk across Pohnpei between 9N and 11N from 147E to 152E and within 125 miles of a line from 14N152E to 5N160E. Converging trade winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Kosrae across the southern Marshall Islands between 2N and 7N from 160E to 172E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM
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Saturday	5:47 AM	6:48 PM

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UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
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OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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NJFL/NFL Showcase

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The 2013 National Junior Forensic League Team Coconuts pose after the NJFL showcase on Saturday at the Saipan Southern High School's cafeteria. The CNMI Team Coconuts and the National Forensic League gave a preview of the performances they will showcase at the national competition in Birmingham, Alabama on June 17.



Grace Christian Academy's Jimaela Ham and Rebekah Kim will be competing in duo interpretation in the National Forensic League national competition.



Grace Christian Academy's Angela Mamaril will be competing in U.S. Extemporaneous in the NFL national competition.



Grace Christian Academy's Dong Ha Lee will be competing in poetry reading in the National Forensic League national competition.



Grace Christian Academy's Terence Ho will be competing in impromptu speech in the National Forensic League national competition.



Marianas Baptist Academy's Alina Ishikawa will be competing in storytelling in the National Forensic League national competition.



Marianas Baptist Academy's Savannah Delos Santos will be competing in prose reading in the National Forensic League national competition.



Marianas Baptist Academy's Se Young Hwang will be competing in foreign extemporaneous in the National Forensic League national competition.



MBA's Yoon Hee Park will be competing in the extemporaneous commentary in the National Forensic League national competition.



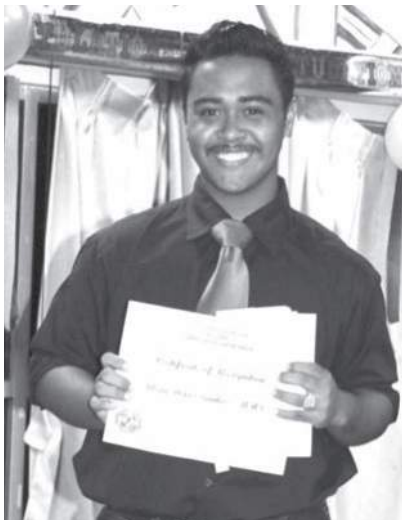
Mount Carmel School's Anastasia Schweiger will be competing in original oratory in the National Forensic League national competition.



Mount Carmel School's Janela Revilla will be competing in dramatic interpretation in the NFL national competition.



Mount Carmel School's Thomas Manglona II will be competing in Lincoln-Douglas Debate in the National Forensic League national competition.



Marianas High School's Alan Delos Santos performed in Chamorro Poetry and will be joining the CNMI 2013 National Forensic League team.



Marianas High School's Alexia Ada performed in Chamorro Poetry and will be joining the CNMI 2013 National Forensic League team.



Saipan International School's Minori Yoshida will be competing in expository speech in the National Forensic League national competition.



Saipan Southern High School's Soon Hyun Kwon will be competing in humorous interpretation in the National Forensic League national competition.

Business

Want more time off? Some employers let you buy it

WASHINGTON (AP)—Want more time off work to hang out at the beach? Need a little cash and have vacation days to spare?

Some companies allow their workers to buy and sell vacation time, a perk that gives workers more flexibility in managing their time off.

The novel approach might help employees buy some extra days off to take the trip of a lifetime or spend more time with a newborn. Co-workers could sell off unused days to get some extra money.

"When times are a little tight, this benefit really doesn't cost a lot of extra money to employers to provide," said Julie Stich, research director for the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. "It's offered by more forward thinking or flexible-type employers."

A soon-to-be released survey by the Society for Human Resource Management found that 9 percent of employers allowed workers to cash out unused vacation time. Five percent let



In this June 3, 2013, photo, Nora Kouba, an employee at USG Corporation sits at her work station in Chicago.

based in Irving, Tex. The company allows employees to purchase up to five extra vacation days each year during a fall enrollment period, said spokesman Bob Brand.

"It's very popular," Brand said. "It provides a great deal of flexibility for someone that may have a big trip planned or an event that's going to take an extended amount of time."

The company does not allow employees to sell vacation days, but they can carry a limited number of unused days over into the following years.

Brand said the program is open to about half of the company's 15,000 U.S. employees, so as not to interfere with production. About 2,000 workers used it last year.

In most plans, the employees aren't actually buying and selling time from each other, Stich said. Time sold back to the company goes into a pool and in certain cases, other employees can buy it. New employees who get limited vacation time during their first few years at a company are among those who appreciate the benefit most, she said.

Sandi Winant, a 24-year employee at financial services company USAA in Colorado Springs, said she buys a week of extra vacation time every year to work on a side business selling salsas and dips at festivals and events around country. She plans to pursue the business when she retires in a year or two.

"It's spread out over a whole year's paycheck so you don't even notice it," she said. "This gives me that extra padding to do what I want."

Jeff Weiss, senior vice president of benefits at San Antonio-based USAA, said about 41 percent of the company's 25,000 employees bought vacation time last year, while 11 percent sold it.

"We think time off is actually critical to productivity," Weiss said. "When people take their time off to refresh and renew, we believe they service the members more effectively."

States fight green-building leader over local wood

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—A building supplier phoned Polard Lumber Co. about providing wood for a large government construction project in Georgia, but the deal broke down over a single question about how the family-owned sawmill has committed itself to environmentally friendly practices.

The mill in rural Appling holds certification by a national forestry group to verify it uses timber harvested in a sustainable manner. That wasn't good enough to get the government job two years ago. The contractor wanted wood that would earn points toward recognition by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, the No. 1 rating system for green building. And LEED holds timber producers to a high standard met by few in the Southeast.

"For the people that I was dealing with, the nearest mill that was certified at that point was in Arkansas or Mississippi," said Bert Pollard, chief forester at the Georgia lumber company that employs about 150 workers. "We could have produced the lumber for them right then."

LEED has been at the forefront of an explosion in energy-efficient, environmentally conscious construction over the past decade. Administered by the nonprofit U.S. Green Building Council, the LEED program puts its stamp on an estimated 1.5 million square feet of new construction worldwide each day. But the program is facing an outcry from a growing number of governors and legislatures who say LEED uses unfair standards that effectively keep their states' timber growers out of the booming

green-building market.

In Georgia, Gov. Nathan Deal last year used an executive order to ban state government construction projects from seeking LEED certification. Alabama, Maine and Mississippi also enacted bans, while a similar measure has passed the North Carolina House and awaits a Senate vote. South Carolina stopped short of prohibiting LEED certification, instead banning state projects from earning points for sustainable wood. Florida passed a bill, awaiting the governor's signature, requiring use of local wood when possible.

Deal used a speech to the Southern Group of State Foresters meeting in Savannah last week to urge foresters from government agencies across the Southeast to push the issue with their own governors back home.

employees purchase additional vacation days through a payroll deduction. An additional 7 percent allowed employees to donate vacation time to a general pool that can be used by other workers.

The approach is even more popular with employers that have "paid time off" or PTO plans that combine vacation time, sick leave and personal days into one comprehensive plan. About 52 percent of employers reported offering such plans. Of those, 19 percent offered a cash-out option and 15 percent offered a donation program. One percent give their workers unlimited time off.

The cost is usually one week's salary, prorated over the course of the year. Employees often have to decide whether to participate during an annual fall enrollment process and it becomes part of their benefits for the upcoming year.

Nora Kouba, who manages company cars at construction materials giant USG Corp. in Chicago, said she used to buy

an extra week off to care for her kids or take long summer vacations with the family. But these days, she tends to sell her excess vacation time.

"I loved having the extra week when I needed it, and now I like having the extra money," Kouba said.

USG allows all 9,000 of its employees worldwide to buy or sell up to a week of vacation time each year. A little more than half of the company's employees typically buy an extra week off, while just 5 percent sell a week, USG spokesman Robert Williams said.

"People really value their time and appreciate the benefit," Williams said.

The company used to allow employees to buy up to two weeks of extra vacation a year. But Williams said it was too popular and was cut back to just one week to avoid scheduling problems in USG's production facilities.

A flexible vacation policy has been in place about for about 15 years at Kimberly Clark Corp.,

Greek opposition: IMF mistake won't ease austerity

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—An admission from the International Monetary Fund this week that it mishandled the early stages of Greece's massive bailout will not lead to any easing up of austerity measures, the crisis-hit country's opposition leader said in an interview late Friday.

Alexis Tsipras, leader of the left-wing Syriza party, told The Associated Press that bailout lenders and Greece's conservative government would not end the country's "ongoing drama."

Tsipras made the remarks ahead of an inspection next week of progress in implement-

ing the (EURO)240 billion (\$318 billion) rescue deal by high level from the IMF, European Union and European central Bank, collectively known as the "Troika."

"We don't expect a real (change). The troika admits making a mistake, and at the same time advocates the implementation of that mistake," Tsipras said, speaking on the sidelines of a meeting of European anti-austerity groups in Athens.

In a report this week, the IMF admitted mishandling the start of the bailout program in 2010, for failing to tackle private debt

restructuring early enough and overestimating the capacity of governments in Greece to swiftly push through public sector and market reforms neglected for decades.

Touching off a public spat with Brussels, the report also blamed the EU for the "notable mistakes."

Greece's conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, on a two-day visit to Finland, insisted that Greece remained committed to meeting its ambitious deficit reduction targets, and argued that past errors in the bailout program had been corrected.

Delta reports financial, operating performance for May 2013

Delta Air Lines on Tuesday reported financial and operating performance for May 2013.

Consolidated passenger unit revenue (PRASM) for the month of May increased 0.5 percent year over year driven by unit revenue gains in Delta's New York hubs and the international entities, which offset 1 point of negative impact to system PRASM from the yen devaluation.

Delta completed 99.9 percent of its flights in May and ran an on-time arrival rate of

86.2 percent. Over the Memorial Day travel weekend, Delta carried more than 1.3 million passengers, with a 99.98 percent completion factor and a 91 percent on-time arrival rate. The company's financial and operating performance is detailed below.

Preliminary results

■ May Consolidated PRASM change year over year, 0.5 percent
■ Projected June quarter fuel price per gallon, adjusted, \$3.00-\$3.05

■ May On-time performance (preliminary DOT A14), 86.2 percent

■ May Mainline completion factor, 99.9 percent

Fuel price includes taxes, transportation, settled hedges, hedge premiums and refinery impact, but excludes mark to market adjustments on open hedges.

Delta Air Lines serves more than 160 million customers each year. Additional information is available on delta.com, Twitter @Delta, Google.com/+Delta and Facebook.com/delta. (Delta)

Nation

Police ID gunman in deadly Santa Monica rampage

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—What she remembered most about the man who fired at her were his eyes. Hard, cold and intense.

There was “no hesitation, no flick of a muscle, nothing. Just absolutely staring and going onto the next step,” recalled Debra Fine about the gunman behind the shooting rampage that killed five people here. “I just simply got in his way. And he needed to kill me. That was it.”

Fine recognized 23-year-old John Zawahri's eyes in a 2006 yearbook photo shown to her by The Associated Press as police officially named him as the shooter on Sunday.

Investigators trying to determine why Zawahri planned the shooting spree focused on a deadly act of domestic violence that touched off the mayhem.

Violent day in Santa Monica



A string of incidents left as many as six victims dead on Friday, as well as a suspected gunman, shot by police on a college campus. A second person was reportedly in custody.

- 1. 11:52 a.m. local time**
Shots fired, house on fire on Yorkshire Avenue; two bodies later found inside
- 2. Cloverfield, Pico boulevards**
Shots fired at city bus and cars; at least one person killed



- 3. 20th and Pearl streets**
Multiple shots fired here, two more people reportedly killed; college police first encounter suspect
- 4. Santa Monica College**
Suspect pursued into library, police shoot him, he dies at the scene

Source: Los Angeles Times, NBC, AP

Graphic: Robert Dorrell © 2013 MCT

Police said he fatally shot his father and older brother at a home that went up in flames before taking the violence to the streets, which lasted just a matter of minutes until he was shot to death in a chaotic scene at the Santa Monica College library by police.

Authorities did not immediately name the shooter or the two men found dead in the house because next of kin was out of the country and hadn't been notified. That changed Sunday after Zawahri's mother cut her trip short and came back to the country.

Sgt. Richard Lewis, a police spokesman, said she was being interviewed by investigators, who were hoping she could help provide clues about what triggered the violence.

“A big piece of the puzzle just came home,” he said.

The killing began as a domestic violence incident when Zawahri killed his father, Samir, 55, and brother, Christopher, 24, in their home near Interstate 10 in a working-class part of town a few miles from the beachside attractions that draw tourists year-round.

The gunman, carrying a duf-

fel back with him with 1,300 rounds of ammo, set the house ablaze, fired shots in the neighborhood and took his rampage on the road.

Fine was the first stranger shot by Zawahri. She was using side streets after her singing lesson to avoid traffic from President Barack Obama's visit three miles away when a man dressed in black with a ballistic vest motioned at the car of the woman in front of her with his rifle, telling her to pull over.

Then he pointed the rifle at her and started to yell.

Fine accelerated and drove between the two to reprimand him.

“He looked right at me,” Fine said. “Stared right at me and then shot. No hesitation.”

Zawahri then walked toward her, shooting again. Fine was hit in the shoulder, arm and ear, and she lay on the passenger seat, pretending to be dead, while frantically calling her husband. Zawahri, meanwhile, carjacked the woman he'd stopped and directed her to Santa Monica College, firing at bystanders along the way and shooting up a city bus.

At the college, he blasted a Ford Explorer driven by Carlos Navarro Franco, 68, killing the driver and his daughter, Marcela Franco, 26, who died Sunday. The father was a longtime groundskeeper at the college and was taking his daughter to buy textbooks for summer classes.

On foot, Zawahri headed for the library, spraying gunfire around campus as students, who were in the middle of final exams, took cover in classrooms or bolted for their lives. He fatally shot one woman in the head and then casually strolled past a cart of books into the library where he fired 70 shots without striking anyone.

In a shootout with three police officers, Zawahri was struck multiple times. His body was taken outside, where he was pronounced dead.

A small cache of ammunition was found in a room of the burned down house.

The elder Zawahri brought his family to the neighborhood of small homes and apartment buildings tucked up against Interstate 10 in the mid-1990s, according to property records.

Zimmerman's attorney walks tight line in defense

SANFORD, Fla. (AP)—George Zimmerman's lead attorney will be walking a fine line as he tries to convince jurors that his client didn't murder Trayvon Martin: He needs to show why Zimmerman felt threatened by the African-American teenager while avoiding the appearance that either he or his client is racist.

Because there is no dispute that Zimmerman shot Martin, 17, during a fight on a rainy night in February 2012, Mark O'Mara must convince the jury that Zimmerman pulled his 9 mm handgun and fired a bullet into the Miami-area high school student's chest because he feared for his life and that the fear was caused by Martin's actions, not his race.

Jury selection begins Monday in the second-degree murder trial, which is expected to last about six weeks. Martin's killing drew worldwide attention as it sparked a national de-

bate about race, equal justice under the law and gun control. If convicted, Zimmerman, who identifies himself as Hispanic, could get a life sentence.

Under Florida law, Zimmerman, 29, could lawfully shoot Martin in self-defense if it was necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm.

O'Mara has to be careful how he characterizes Martin, said Randy McClean, an Orlando-area defense attorney. “Mr. O'Mara's challenge is to show Trayvon wasn't profiled, that Zimmerman either saw something that looked suspicious or something else that caused him to make contact with Trayvon.”

The challenge for prosecutors trying to get a second-degree murder conviction, meanwhile, is that they must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that while Zimmerman's actions weren't premeditated, they demonstrated a “depraved mind” that didn't consider the threat his actions

had toward human life.

McClean and another Orlando defense attorney, David Hill, predicted that prosecutors will attack Zimmerman, who was employed at a mortgage risk management firm, as a frustrated, would-be police officer who had a chip on his shoulder. Zimmerman had studied criminal justice at a community college and had volunteered to run his community's neighborhood watch program.

“The state's narrative is going to be ... Zimmerman was a powerful neighborhood watchman, a wannabe officer who liked to use his authority,” McClean said.

The Feb. 26, 2012, confrontation began when Zimmerman spotted Martin, whom he did not recognize, walking in the Retreat at Twin Lakes, the gated townhome community where Zimmerman lived and the fiancée of Martin's father also resided.

Report: NSA contract worker is surveillance source

WASHINGTON (AP)—A 29-year-old intelligence contractor who claims to have worked at the National Security Agency and the CIA allowed himself to be revealed Sunday as the source of disclosures about the U.S. government's secret surveillance programs, risking prosecution by the U.S. government.

The leaks have reopened the post-Sept. 11 debate about privacy concerns versus heightened measure to protect against terrorist attacks, and led the NSA to ask the Justice Department to conduct a criminal investigation into the leaks.

The Guardian, the first paper to disclose the documents, said it was publishing the identity of Edward Snowden, a former technical assistant for the CIA and current employee of defense contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, at his own request.

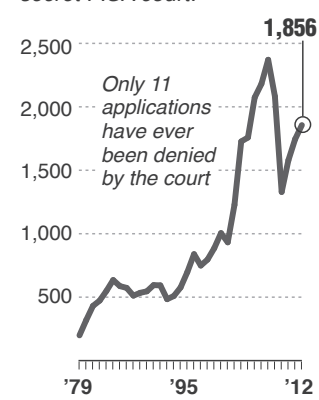
“My sole motive is to inform the public as to that which is done in their name and that which is done against them,” Snowden told the newspaper.

Stories in The Guardian and The Washington Post published over the last week revealed two surveillance programs, and both published interviews with Snowden on Sunday.

One of them is a phone records monitoring program in which the NSA gathers hundreds of millions of U.S. phone records each day, creating a database through which it can

Surveillance court orders

The number of Foreign Surveillance Act (FISA) court order applications for electronic surveillance made by the government to the secret FISA court:



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learn whether terror suspects have been in contact with people in the U.S. The Obama administration says the NSA program does not listen to actual conversations.

Separately, an Internet scouring program, code-named PRISM, allows the NSA and FBI to tap directly into nine U.S. Internet companies to gather all Internet usage - audio, video, photographs, emails and searches. The effort is designed to detect suspicious behavior that begins overseas.

Snowden said claims the programs are secure are not true.

“Any analyst at any time can

target anyone. Any selector. Anywhere. Where those communications will be picked up depends on the range of those sensor networks and the authority that that analyst is empowered with,” Snowden said, in accompanying video on the Guardian's website. “Not all analysts have the power to target anything. But I, sitting at my desk, had the authority to wiretap anyone, from you or your accountant to a federal judge to even the president if I had a personal email.”

He told the Post that he would “ask for asylum from any countries that believe in free speech and oppose the victimization of global privacy” in an interview from Hong Kong, where he is staying.

“I'm not going to hide,” Snowden told the Post. “Allowing the U.S. government to intimidate its people with threats of retaliation for revealing wrongdoing is contrary to the public interest.”

The Post declined to elaborate on its reporting about Snowden.

The spokesman for the Director of National Intelligence, Shawn Turner, said intelligence officials are “currently reviewing the damage that has been done by these recent disclosures,” adding that “Any person who has a security clearance knows that he or she has an obligation to protect classified information and abide by the law.”

ACROSS THE NATION

Japanese troops head to Calif. beach for training

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Japanese troops will converge on California's southern coast in the next two weeks as part of a military exercise with U.S. troops aimed at improving that country's amphibious attack abilities. U.S. and Japanese military officials said the unprecedented training, led by U.S. Marines and sailors, will help Japan's Self-Defense Force operate in stronger coordination with the United States, its main ally, and better respond to crises such as natural disasters. China may see it differently, however, given the tensions between Tokyo and Beijing over a long-running dispute concerning islands claimed by both in the East China Sea. “It's another dot that the Chinese will connect to show this significant expanding military cooperation,” said Tai Ming Cheung, an analyst of Chinese and East Asian security affairs and director of the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at the University of California, San Diego.

Portlanders push for barrier at 'Suicide Bridge'

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—On a sunny January afternoon, 12 stories above a busy street, a newly engaged 19-year-old woman jumped to her death from a spectacular arch bridge west of downtown Portland. Last month, in the middle of the night, a 40-year-old man did the same. Last week, yet another person—a 15-year-old girl—plunged from the span. The deaths sadden but no longer surprise those who live and work near the Vista Bridge, known colloquially citywide as “The Suicide Bridge.” They have come to expect such tragedies at the structure, from which there is a majestic vista of the city skyline; the opening shot of the TV series “Portlandia” was shot from the span. Attorney Kenneth Kahn shares an office with his wife, a life coach, that sits almost directly underneath the bridge. Over the years he has heard the horrible slam of bodies on pavement and discovered the remains of eight strangers.

World

Turkey's leader lambastes protesters

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—In a series of increasingly belligerent speeches to cheering supporters Sunday, Turkey's prime minister demanded an end to the 10-day anti-government protests that have spread across the country, saying those who do not respect the government will pay.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said his patience was running out with the protesters, who have occupied Istanbul's main Taksim Square for more than a week and have held hundreds of demonstrations in dozens of cities across the country.

Raising the stakes for those opposing him on Turkish streets

and squares, Erdogan said he plans to bring out his supporters for rallies in Ankara and Istanbul next weekend.

Erdogan's increasingly fiery tone could inflame tensions, with tens of thousands of anti-government protesters in the country's largest city, Istanbul, and thousands in the capital, Ankara, remaining on the streets. On two occasions, including one in the southern city of Adana on Saturday night, clashes have been reported between Erdogan supporters and protesters.

Protests have been held in 78 cities across the country since May 31, sparked by a violent

police crackdown on a peaceful protest objecting to the redevelopment of Taksim Square and its Gezi Park.

They have since morphed into a general denunciation of what many see as Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian ways after a decade in power, and as an attempt to impose his conservative, religious mores in a country governed by secular laws.

The protests have attracted a diverse crowd from all social backgrounds and age groups. Three people have died, including a police officer in Adana who fell into an underpass under construction while chasing demonstrators.

More than 4,300 protesters have sought medical treatment, human rights groups have said.

"We showed patience but our patience has its limits," Erdogan told a crowd of thousands of party supporters who turned out to cheer his arrival at Ankara airport on Sunday, in the third of about seven speeches given through the afternoon and evening.

Looking much like a candidate on a campaign trail, Erdogan delivered speeches at two airports, a sports hall, two Ankara districts and atop a bridge before heading to his party headquarters. At each, thousands of supporters turned out to cheer him.

Insurgents attack near Kabul airport

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—At least seven heavily armed Taliban insurgents attacked near Afghanistan's main airport Monday, apparently trying to attack NATO's airport headquarters with rocket-propelled grenades, assault rifles and at least one large bomb. Security forces engaged in an hours-long battle and killed all the attackers.

The airport was closed to all civilian air traffic because of the attack, an airport official said. It was unclear if the attack had damaged facilities inside the airport itself.

"Their target is unclear because they are at a distance from the airport. We have lots of installations in that area," Interior Ministry spokesman Sediqi Sediqi said. "They seem to be trying to hit anything they can."

Sediqi said two civilians were wounded.

Deputy Kabul police chief Dawood Amin says there were seven attackers. Two blew themselves up with suicide vests and five were shot and killed by police.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the insurgents were targeting NATO.

It was the latest in a series of attacks against the capital since the start of the year. Taliban insurgents have launched intense attacks across the country as Afghan forces take over most security responsibility ahead of most foreign troops' withdrawal next year, more than a decade after the American-led invasion to oust the Taliban regime for sheltering al-Qaida's leadership after the Islamic extremist

group launched the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States.

The last major attack occurred on May 24, when six suicide bombers attacked a guest house belonging to the United Nations-affiliated International Organization for Migration, killing three people - including a police officer, a guard and a civilian. On May 16, a suicide bomber had rammed a car into a NATO convoy killing 15 people, including two American soldiers and four civilian contractors.

Kabul police said in an announcement that attackers wearing suicide vests had occupied one or two buildings under construction on the west side of the airport and were firing at the military facility, which was quite a distance away. But it was uncertain if they actually managed to hit anything inside the airport.

A statement said there was at least one large explosion at around 4:30 a.m. and a gunbattle began with security forces.

"It first started with a big explosion which we think was a suicide attack. After that a gunbattle started," said Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai. He added that at least five insurgents then occupied two buildings, located in a single compound, and started firing rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

"Sometimes they are shooting from one building, sometimes from other. It is a residential area and the compound has been surrounded by Afghan security forces.

WORLD BRIEFS

Libya army chief resigns after clash in Benghazi

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—One of Libya's highest military officers resigned Sunday after clashes between protesters and a government-aligned militia he was in charge of left 31 people dead in the eastern city of Benghazi, the deadliest such violence in a country where armed factions hold sway. The bloodshed underscored the growing public anger over the government's failure to build an army capable of reining in the militias that dominate parts of the country nearly two years after the fall of Moammar Gadhafi. The militias have become bolder in trying to shape Libya's politics. The violence erupted Saturday when protesters in Benghazi, the country's second largest city, stormed the main camp of Libya Shield, a largely Islamist grouping of militias that are paid by the government to help maintain security. The protesters were demanding that the militias submit to the full authority of Libya's security forces or lay down their arms.

2 Koreas to hold senior-level meeting in Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North and South Korea agreed Monday to hold senior-level talks this week in Seoul, a breakthrough of sorts to ease tensions after Pyongyang's recent threats of nuclear war and Seoul's vows of counterstrikes. The two-day meeting starting Wednesday will focus on stalled cooperation projects, including the resumption of operations at a jointly-run factory park near the border in North Korea that was the last remaining symbol of inter-Korean rapprochement until Pyongyang pulled out its workers in April during heightened tensions that followed its February nuclear test. The details of the upcoming talks were ironed out in a nearly 17-hour negotiating session by lower-level officials. Those discussions began Sunday in the countries' first government-level meeting on the Korean Peninsula in more than two years and took place at the village of Panmunjom on their heavily armed border, near where the armistice ending the three-year Korean War was signed 60 years ago next month. That truce has never been replaced with a peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula technically at war.

In Memoriam



ANTHONY PELLEGRINO

August 31, 1930 – June 9, 2013

From your Saipan Tribune family

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

† *Anthony Pellegrino*

“ANTONINO”

August 31, 1930 – June 07, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Wife: †Eileen Olopai Pellegrino
 †Kiyoko Kakuda Pellegrino

Parents: †Vincenzo Pellegrino
 †Concetta Lena Pellegrino

Parents-in-Law: †Mariano Mingaracal Parchamento
 †Rosario Quiñola Buccat
 †Abel Olopai

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: *Milagros Parchamento Pellegrino*

Children: *Margaret “Miki” Jean and Gilberto A. Ranjo (Andrew Takeshi Morishige) (Tiana Mahealani Pellegrino Ranjo) (Andrea Jean Victoria Pellegrino Ranjo); Neil Charles Pellegrino; Abel Vincenzo O. Pellegrino; Julian Apollonius O. Pellegrino; Prunella Limopi O. Pellegrino;*

*Maridel P. Cariaga; Madel P. Cariaga;
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Brother, Sister, In-Laws:

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 Cabanban; Sally P./Neil Cahilig; Rey/Jean Parchamento & Joey Parchamento.*

*Carmen Kotomor Olopai, Children and family
 Norma Jean Schaffer Boyce*

He will be greatly missed by numerous friends and relatives.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church and Holy Rosary is prayed nightly at 7:00 p.m.

*On **Thursday, June 13th**, there will be visitation/Last Respects at Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel for Business Associates and Acquaintances from **04:00 to 07:00 PM**. Holy rosary will be prayed at 07:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church.*

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013. His remains will be escorted at 07:30 am from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church. Responso Services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary at 08:15 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Santuario PAX Memorial Gardens in Kagman where he will begin his peaceful rest.

In lieu of flowers, donations are greatly appreciated. All donations will go to the Northern Marianas Trade Institute (NMTI) founded in 2008 by the late †Anthony Pellegrino. For information, please contact Mr. Vic Cepeda at 483-6684.

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Health & Fitness

Weight-loss drug launched

WASHINGTON (AP)—Arena Pharmaceuticals says its weight loss drug Belviq will be available to U.S. patients beginning next week, nearly a year after the drug was officially approved by federal regulators.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Belviq last June for adults who are obese or who are overweight and have at least one serious medical condition, such as diabetes or high cholesterol. At the time, Belviq was the first new drug approved by the FDA for long-term weight loss in more than a decade.

Despite only achieving modest weight loss in clinical stud-

ies, the drug was safe enough to win the FDA's endorsement, amid calls from doctors for new weight-loss treatments.

The drug's launch was delayed for months by logistical hurdles, including classification by the Drug Enforcement Administration. According to the drug's label, Belviq will be classified as a Schedule IV controlled substance, which means it has a low potential for abuse. A small segment of patients in company studies reported experiencing euphoria and hallucinations.

Arena Pharmaceuticals and partner Eisai Co. said Friday the

drug will be available beginning Tuesday. Under an agreement between the companies, Arena will manufacture and supply the drug from its facility in Switzerland and Eisai will market the drug in the U.S.

Because of the delays to its launch, Belviq actually arrives on the market 10 months after competitor Vivus' Qsymia, which launched in September. Studies have shown that Qsymia produces more weight loss than Belviq.

Patients taking Qsymia for a year lost 6.7 percent of their body weight in one study and 8.9 percent in another study.

Court OKs girls to buy morning-after for now

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal appeals court has decided to permit girls of any age to buy generic versions of emergency contraception without prescriptions while the federal government appeals a judge's ruling allowing the sales.

The order Wednesday was met with praise from advocates for girls' and women's rights and scorn from social conservatives and other opponents, who argue the drug's availability takes away the rights of parents of girls who could get it without their permission. It is the latest in a series of

rulings in a complex back-and-forth over access to the drug.

The brief order issued by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan permitted two-pill versions of emergency contraception to immediately be sold without restrictions, but the court refused to allow unrestricted sales of the Plan B One-Step contraceptive until it decides the merits of the government's appeal. It did not specify why the two-pill versions were being allowed now, though it said the government failed to meet the requirements necessary to block

the lower-court decision.

Department of Justice spokeswoman Allison Price said the government was reviewing the court's order.

Anna Higgins, director of the Family Research Council's Center for Human Dignity, where she focuses on issues including conception and end-of-life care, said the ease of access to the drug was a problem. She described the court's order Wednesday as "confounding."

"Our reaction in general is a concern for the safety of young girls and the rights of parents," she said.

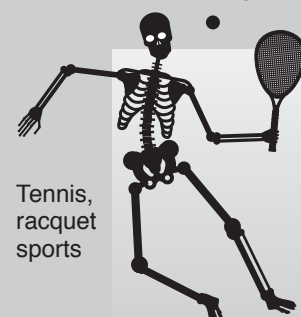
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Exercises that strengthen bone

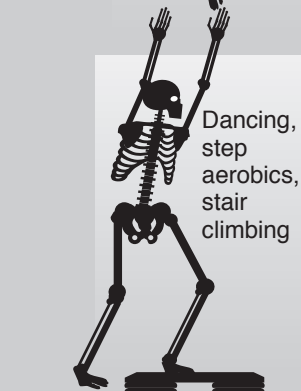
Bones seem hard and unchanging, but they are in fact like muscles — they respond to weight-bearing exercise by becoming stronger

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Done with feet supporting body's weight; works bones and muscles against gravity



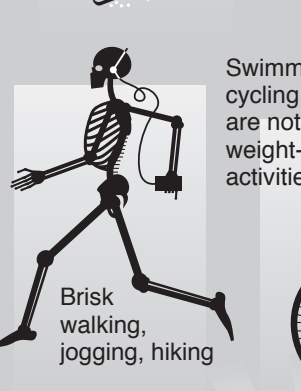
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Dancing, step aerobics, stair climbing



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Brisk walking, jogging, hiking



Soccer, baseball, basketball

Recommended goal:
30 minutes a day, four or more days a week



Strenuous yard work

Swimming and cycling are not weight-bearing activities



Why strengthen your bones?

Weight-bearing exercise helps girls and women reduce their risk of osteoporosis, a bone thinning disease that causes fractures, later in life

Source: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
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'Kinky Boots' struts off with the most Tony Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—The feel-good musical “Kinky Boots,” with songs by pop star and Broadway newcomer Cyndi Lauper, strutted away with a leading six 2013 Tony Awards on Sunday, including best musical, best original score and best leading man.

Christopher Durang’s comical “Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike” won the best play Tony. “Matilda the Musical” and “Pippin” won four awards each and two other shows—“Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” and “The Nance”—shared three awards each. Tom Hanks left empty-handed, a Broadway newcomer not fated to be a “Lucky Guy.”

Neil Patrick Harris was back for his fourth turn as host and was once again crucial to keeping the show funny and smart. He opened with a razzle-dazzle bang amid dozens of dancers and singers—even getting boxer Mike Tyson to hoof—and closed it three hours later by rapping with Audra McDonald to a reworked “Empire State of Mind.”

The big, opening number started with Harris simply holding a guitar in a pub like “Once” but quickly morphed into a flashy number that showcased performers from almost a dozen musicals. Harris sang “It’s bigger! Tonight it’s bigger,” jumped through a hoop, vanished from a box and promised a “truly legendary show” before glitter guns went off.

Lauper, who popularized the hit “Girls Just Want to Have Fun,” was part of an impressive group of women who took top honors. Diane Paulus and Pam MacKinnon both won for directing—a rare time women have won directing Tonys for



Sunny the Dog licks Neil Patrick Harris on stage at the 67th Annual Tony Awards, on Sunday, June 9, 2013 in New York.

both a musical and a play in the same year. (It happened most recently at the 1998 Tonys.)

It was also a night that celebrated diversity: Of the eight trophies for acting, four went to African-Americans.

“Kinky Boots”—based on a 2005 film about a failing shoe factory that turns to making drag queen boots—also won for choreography and two technical awards, and Billy Porter won for leading man in a musical.

Along the way, Porter had to beat “Kinky Boots” co-star Stark Sands and told him from the stage: “You are my rock, my sword, my shield. Your grace gives me presence. I share this award with you. I’m gonna keep it at my house! But I share it with you.”

Durang’s play centers on three middle-aged siblings uneasily negotiating with age and hysterically mixes in references to Lindsay Lohan, Maggie Smith and ancient Greek drama.

Paulus won her first Tony for directing the crackling, high-en-

ergy, circus-based revival of the musical “Pippin,” which also earned the best revival honor and helped Patina Miller earn a best leading actress trophy.

Paulus dedicated her award to her parents, “who gave me the best gift a daughter could ever hope for, the encouragement to do what you love with your life, which for me was the theater.”

For Miller, the win caps a whirlwind few years. She was nominated for back-to-back Tonys for her first roles on Broadway and is engaged. “Honey I can’t wait to marry you!” she told her fiancé.

MacKinnon won for directing the play “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” a year after earning her first nomination for helming “Clybourne Park.” Her revival of Edward Albee’s story of marital strife won the best play revival and earned playwright and actor Tracy Letts his first acting Tony. Letts, speaking on behalf of all actors, called what he does “The greatest job on Earth.”

Andrea Martin, 66, who won as featured actress in a musical, plays Pippin’s grandmother and has been stunning audiences nightly by doing jaw-dropping stunts.

Courtney B. Vance won for best featured actor in a play for portraying a newspaper editor opposite Hanks in “Lucky Guy.” He dedicated his award to his mother.

Judith Light won her second featured actress in a play Tony in two years, cementing the former TV star of “Who’s the Boss?” as a Broadway star. In “The Assembled Parties,” she ages from about 53 to 73 over the play’s two acts. She beat out Judith Ivey, Condola Rashad, Shalita Grant and Carrie Coon.

“I want to thank every woman that I am in this category nominated with: you have made this a celebration, not a competition,” she said.

Gabriel Ebert of “Matilda the Musical” won as best featured actor in a musical. He thanked his four Matildas and his par-

WINNERS’ LIST

Top winners at the 2013 American Theatre Wing’s Tony Awards, announced Sunday.

■ Best Play: **“Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike.”**

■ Best Musical: **“Kinky Boots.”**

■ Best Book of a Musical: **“Matilda the Musical.”**

■ Best Original Score (Music and/or Lyrics) Written for the Theater: **“Kinky Boots.”**

■ Best Revival of a Play: **“Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”**

■ Best Revival of a Musical: **“Pippin.”**

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play: **Tracy Letts**, “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”

■ Best Performance by an Actress in Leading Role in a

Play: **Cicely Tyson**, “The Trip to Bountiful.”

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical: **Billy Porter**, “Kinky Boots.”

■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical: **Patina Miller**, “Pippin.”

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play: **Courtney B. Vance**, “Lucky Guy.”

■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Play: **Judith Light**, “The Assembled Parties.”

■ Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical: **Gabriel Ebert**, “Matilda the Musical.”

■ Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical: **Andrea Martin**, “Pippin.”

ents, stooping down to speak into the microphone.

Cicely Tyson, 88, won the best leading actress in a play honors for the revival of “The Trip to Bountiful,” the show’s only award on the night. It was the actress’ first time back on Broadway in three decades.

“Please wrap it up,” it says. Well, that’s exactly what you did with me: You wrapped me up in your arms after 30 years,” she said.

Going into the night, “Kinky Boots” and “Matilda the Musical” were fierce rivals, but the musical adaptation of the novel by Roald Dahl managed only best book, best featured actor and a few technical awards. Shows that walked away empty-handed from Radio City Music Hall included the acrobatic “Bring It On: The Musical,” the hit-heavy “Motown the Musical” and “A Christmas Story, the Musical.”

Some of the telecast highlights included the stunning kids on Broadway—the orphans in “Annie,” the actor Raymond Luke Jr. as a pre-teen Michael

Jackson in “Motown the Musical,” and the dancing tots in “A Christmas Story, the Musical”—especially the young tap dancer wizard Luke Spring—plus the four young women in “Matilda.”

Harris got his face licked by the dog playing Sandy in “Annie,” made fun of Tyson and Shia LaBeouf, who left a revival of “Orphans” before the show opened and then tweeted about it, and joined with “Smash” star Megan Hilty, “Go On” star Laura Benanti and former “The Book of Mormon” star Andrew Rannells to skewer theater stars who seek fame on TV with a twisted version of “What I Did For Love” from “A Chorus Line.”

The Tonys, picked by 868 theater voters, cap a somewhat grim financial season on Broadway in which the total box office take was flat and the number of ticket buyers slipped 6 percent. Both numbers were blamed in part on Superstorm Sandy, but high ticket prices and the lack of long term audience growth has many worried.

Indonesia axes bikinis for 2013 Miss World pageant

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Miss World has axed the famed bikinis from this year’s pageant in Indonesia, replacing the skimpy swimsuits with conservative beach sarongs amid mounting protests from hard-line Muslim groups, organizers said Thursday.

All of the more than 130 contestants will be required to wear Bali’s traditional long sarongs instead of the sexy bikinis that are historically part of the competition, said Adjie S. Soeratmadjie of the RCTI, the official broadcaster and local organizer.

Parts of the pageant will take place on the resort island of Bali and the final round will be held Sept. 28 near the capital, Jakar-

ta. Indonesia is the world’s most populous Muslim country.

“There will no bikini in this year’s Miss World pageant to respect our traditional customs and values,” Soeratmadjie said, adding that the London-based Miss World Organization is on board with the decision.

“This is a sensitive issue in Indonesia. We have discussed it since last year and they have agreed,” he said.

The chairwoman of the Miss World Organization, Julia Morley, confirmed that none of the 137 contestants would wear a bikini.

“Indonesia is designing for us a very beautiful one-piece beachwear, and I’m very happy

with them,” she told The Associated Press by phone from London, adding that the pageant will include a special beachwear fashion show.

“I don’t think Indonesia is the only country that has that culture,” Morley said. “But we like to work in the manner respectful to every country, and I cannot see why when you go to somebody’s country you should not behave respectfully.”

The pageant began in the 1950s, and the first winner was crowned in a two-piece bathing suit.

Soeratmadjie said the sarong would be made creatively and designed specifically for the event.

Controversy over the pageant has been mounting in Indonesia, which has a reputation as a tolerant, pluralist society that respects freedom of expression.

Clerics of the Indonesian Council of Ulema, or MUI, said they would send a letter to President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to demand that the beauty pageant be canceled.

“That contest is just an excuse to show women’s body parts that should remain covered,” said Mukri Aji, a prominent cleric from West Java province’s MUI branch. “It’s against Islamic teachings.”

Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia, a hard-line Islamic group, said it planned to stage a protest and

called for the competition to be moved elsewhere.

Most Muslims in Indonesia, a secular country of 240 million people, are moderate, but a small extremist fringe has become more vocal in recent years.

They have pushed through controversial laws—including an anti-pornography bill—and have been known to attack anything perceived as blasphemous, from transvestites and bars to “deviant” religious sects.

Lady Gaga was forced to cancel her sold-out concert in Indonesia in May following threats by Islamic hard-liners, who called her a “devil worshiper.” Jennifer Lopez toned down her sexy outfits and dance moves during a show in Jakarta last December.

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Ukraine pianist wins Cliburn piano competition

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—Vadym Kholodenko of the Ukraine has won the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, just four months after the death of the contest's namesake.

The competition is held every four years and remains among the top showcases for the world's best pianists.

Cliburn's win at the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1958 helped thaw the icy rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union, and Cliburn gained worldwide fame and rock-star status.

Cliburn died in February at age 78 after battling bone cancer.

"This competition continues to be what Van wanted: support to young, excellent artists who want to share their art with wider audiences," said Cliburn's president and chief executive Jacques Marquis. "They bring to the classical world a new voice."

Kholodenko, 26, said he was glad his wife could watch all of his performances online as she remained in Moscow with their young daughter.



Vadym Kholodenko, 26, of Ukraine, takes a bow after his performance with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra on the second day of finals in the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, Texas on Friday June 7, 2013.

"She tried not to criticize too much because she understood the pressure," he told The Associated Press after winning Sunday night.

Beatrice Rana of Italy placed second, and Sean Chen of the United States placed third. The other three finalists were Fei-Fei Dong of China, Nikita Mndoyants of Russia and Tomoki Sakata of Japan.

The winner receives \$50,000, a live recording of his or her competition performances, a studio recording and performance attire. The second- and third-prize winners both receive \$20,000 and a live recording of their competition performances. The other three each receive \$10,000, and all six finalists receive three years of concert management.

People around the world watched performances online. During the contest, the Cliburn's webcast had about half a million page views, more than twice the amount in the previous competition in 2009, according to competition officials.

Widow of drug abuser fears her brother will follow suit

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for as long as I can remember. My husband died from a drug overdose, and I am a widow at 32. He was a good man before the drugs, but he wouldn't stop and I was helpless to intervene. I am now raising our two sons alone.

My problem is my brother is headed down the same road, and I don't know how to help him. I don't have the money to send him to rehab, and he doesn't think he has a problem. He has lost his job, has no vehicle and is losing what friends he has left.

I don't want to turn my back on him or lose him the way I lost my husband. I know he needs rehab or therapy, but with the lack of funds I don't know where to turn. Furthermore, how do I explain this to my 9- and 10-year-old sons? The most influential man in their life is setting a terrible example.

CAN'T TURN AWAY FROM MY BROTHER

DEAR CAN'T TURN AWAY: If seeing your husband die from an overdose wasn't enough to convince your brother it was time to get into a substance abuse program, then nothing you can do will. There are two things that are more important in your life than he is, and those are your two sons. A narcotics addict destroying his life is a very poor role model.

Your boys are old enough to know how dangerous drugs are and that they caused the premature death of their father. Do not permit them to be in the presence of anyone who is abusing drugs and spiraling downward, or they will grow into adolescence thinking it is normal. Your brother is the only person who can help himself get back on his feet, no matter how much you might wish it were otherwise.

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DEAR ABBY: I don't understand divorced women and the restrictions they put on their exes about what they can and can't do with their children. ("You can't let him go to the pool party; he might drown"; "She can't visit with your mother; she has a cat"; "Don't make him rake leaves; that's YOUR job!") Instead, they should be grateful these fathers are active parts of their children's lives. Too many fathers simply walk away. Unless the dad is actively harming the child, they have no right to dictate what their ex does with his kids on his time.

Remember, ladies, you made a baby with him. He is their dad and he has every right to parent as he sees fit, even if it differs from your own philosophy. And dads, don't let your ex try to tell you that you are a bad parent because you let your kid go roller skating and she broke her arm. It is not your fault. Things like that happen all the time, even to kids whose parents are still together. So stand up for your right to be a real dad!

UNSYMPATHETIC MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MOM: If I were you, I'd keep my head down and not get caught in the crossfire. It's not that you lack sympathy, but you obviously don't relate to the women you hear complain. While some of them may seem controlling or hyper-protective, others may have valid concerns about their children's safety while they're with Dad.

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Olympic champion Riner alleges racism at Paris bar

PARIS (AP)—The Buddha Bar has fired a waitress for improper behavior toward Olympic champion judoka Teddy Riner, who lashed out about alleged racism at the upscale Paris bar-restaurant.

On Facebook, the 24-year-old London Games gold medalist described how he had momentarily left his table one evening to get a better look at a Brazilian-themed show, and a waitress asked for his credit card and grabbed his arm "firmly."

Riner suggested other patrons didn't receive similar treatment because they were white, writing: "Never go to Buddha-bar if you're BLACK!!!!"

Buddha Bar spokesman Laurent Guyot denied any racist motive. He said Sunday the waitress didn't recognize Riner and was fired for having grabbed his arm inappropriately. Guyot said staffers ask for credit cards in such cases because some customers leave without paying.

Hobbits help draw tourists to New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Hobbits, elves and dragons appear to be luring tourists to New Zealand as fans await their first glimpse of the second movie in "The Hobbit" trilogy.

Figures released this month by government agency Tourism New

Zealand show that international vacations to New Zealand rose 10 percent from January through April when compared to the same period last year. The agency says a survey indicates that 8.5 percent of visitors cited "The Hobbit" as one reason for coming and that 13 percent took part

in some kind of hobbit-themed tourism like visiting a film set.

Warner Bros. announced Monday it will release the first teaser-trailer of "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" at 1 p.m. EDT Tuesday. The second film will premiere Dec. 13 in Los Angeles.

US poet laureate Natasha Trethewey is reappointed

NEW YORK (AP)—The U.S. poet laureate, Natasha Trethewey, has been appointed to a second one-year term.

The Library of Congress was set to announce Trethewey's reappointment Monday.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning poet met with members of the public over the past year and published a poetry collection in the fall.

In her second term, she will collaborate with Public Broadcasting Service senior correspondent Jeffrey Brown and the News-Hour's poetry series on reports about poetry and society from around the country. Her next term begins in September.

The 47-year-old Trethewey is also poet laureate in her native Mississippi, where she is serving a four-year term.

She won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for her collection "Native Guard."



In this Sept. 18, 2012 file photo, U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey poses outside the president's office at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Bolshoi won't renew star dancer's contract

MOSCOW (AP)—The Bolshoi Theater won't renew the contract of Nikolai Tsiskaridze, a veteran principal dancer and teacher who for years has been in open conflict with managers at the celebrated Russian theater. The dispute intensified after the Bolshoi ballet's artistic director was attacked in January by a man who threw acid in his face. Bolshoi managers accused Tsiskaridze of inciting tensions within the theater that led to the attack, while Tsiskaridze portrayed the attack as the result of corruption and unfair treatment of dancers. Bolshoi spokeswoman Katerina Novikova said Sunday that Tsiskaridze was told his contract won't be renewed when it expires at the end of June. Tsiskaridze, who joined the Bolshoi in 1992, said in an NTV television interview that he questioned the theater's right to let him go.

Grant Hill supports wife Tamia at NYC concert

NEW YORK (AP)—A week after he retired from the NBA, Grant Hill celebrated with his wife as she performed for a feverish crowd in New York City on Saturday night. Hill and New York Knicks' player Amar'e Stoudemire watched from the VIP section of the Highline Ballroom as Tamia sang R&B tunes for a few hundred people. Hill last played for the Los Angeles Clippers. The 40-year-old also played for Detroit, Orlando and Phoenix in his 19-season career. Tamia gave Hill a shout-out before singing the song "Still" saying, "We're celebrating almost 15 years of marriage." Her fifth album, "Beautiful Surprise," was nominated for two Grammy Awards this year. She performed with ease Saturday, singing R&B jams like "Stranger In My House," "Imagination," "So Into You" and "Officially Missing You."

2 longtime producers leave 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Add two more departures to the "American Idol" post-season tally. Fox said Sunday that longtime executive producers Nigel Lythgoe and Ken Warwick are exiting the singing contest. Its 12th season ended in May with a record low-rated finale. The producers follow judges Mariah Carey, Nicki Minaj and Randy Jackson out the door. Jackson was an original panelist. Minaj and Carey joined this season, and their on-air bickering proved uncomfortable for viewers and contestants. The fate of Keith Urban, the other newcomer, is uncertain, and Fox didn't announce who would replace the producers. In a statement, Fox and the companies behind "American Idol" thanked Lythgoe and Warwick for their work and said they looked forward to working with them on other projects. Lythgoe is the producer and a judge for Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance."

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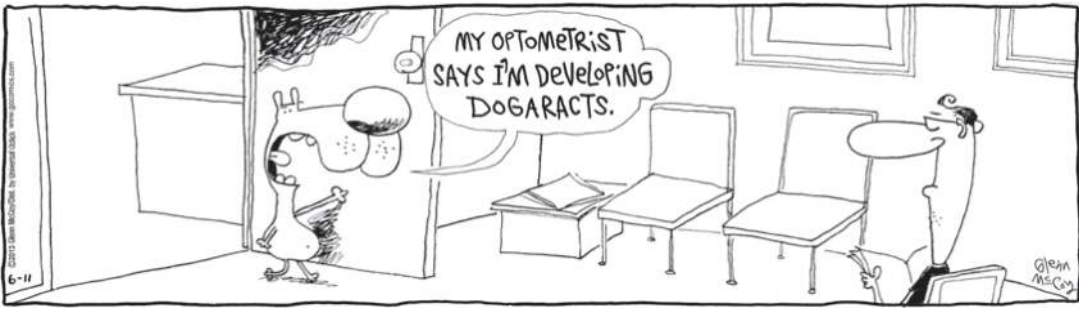
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By Glenn McCoy



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18 Delivery co.

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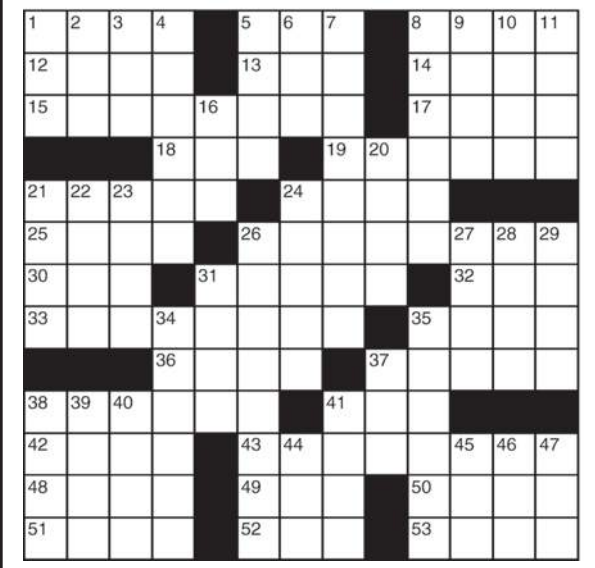
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Yesterday's answer 6-11



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Happy Birthday: A career change or altering the way you handle your money will be difficult initially, but once you get into a rhythm you will feel your stress level go down. Offering a service that will bring in extra cash will help you balance your personal books. Working in conjunction with someone will help you improve your current situation. Your numbers are 7, 10, 24, 32, 39, 42, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A problem at home or with regard to where you currently reside will need to be addressed. You must consider a geographical move if it will help you get ahead professionally. Someone you live with or are related to is likely to upset your plans. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Think for yourself and ask questions if someone tries to influence your next move. A friend or relative will play an important role in a decision you must make. A romantic encounter will be worth every moment you spend together. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Anger will mount due to a misunderstanding or someone neglecting to honor a promise. Take matters into your own hands and do whatever you want done personally. A change of heart is apparent. Develop your talents. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take advantage of any opportunity to do something unique. Travel to a destination that intrigues or motivates you and you will be enlightened by the discovery you make. Love is highlighted and forming a closer bond should be your plan. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid being overly generous or overspending on luxury items. Stick to basics and do your best to utilize your skills to help a cause you believe in. Hands-on help will bring you closer to happiness and peace of mind. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will attract positive attention by helping others. Your reputation will be enhanced due to your kindness, concern and sincerity in reaching out to those you care about. Love is in the stars. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid arguments. If someone doesn't want to do the same things as you, make plans to carry on alone. Compliments and compromise will help you avoid a stressful encounter. Focus on exploring new projects, interests and making new friends. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Join in and experience something you've never done before, or plan a trip that will take you to a unique destination. Romance is on the rise, and sharing something special with someone you love will make your relationship that much better. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't wait; make changes that will encourage and promote something you enjoy doing. You can make money if you use your skills wisely. Offer a service that will help subsidize any financial setbacks you've encountered. Don't let love, emotions and sentimentality cost you. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): One-sided partnerships are apparent. Don't

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be too eager to share your feelings with someone, causing you uncertainties. Question motives and look at every angle of a situation you face in your business and personal relationships. Bide your time before making changes. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make plans to have some fun and get involved in something that is geared toward self-improvement. Physical challenges will help ease your stress and get you ready for an encounter with competitive people. Develop new friendships. ★★★★★

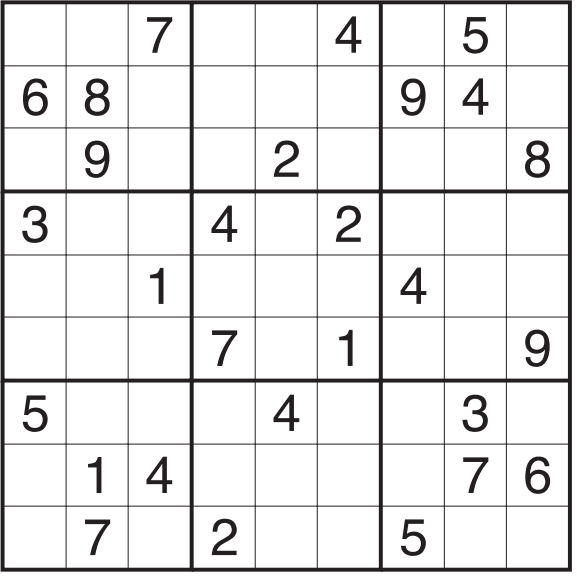
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look at your financial situation and consider new and unique ways to invest or make your money grow. Elaborate on a creative idea you have and you will find a way to turn something you enjoy into a money-maker. Love is on the rise. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are bold and unique. You have integrity and good work ethics.

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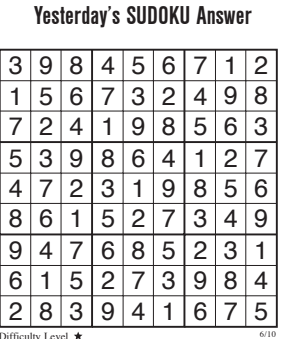
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★ 6/11

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.



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Heat beat Spurs in Game 2 to tie NBA Finals



MIAMI (AP)—Mario Chalmers marched toward midcourt with a message.

"I felt like we had them on the ropes at the time. I told him, 'Let's go for the kill,'" Chalmers said. "He said, 'I'm with you.'"

And once LeBron James joined in, the Miami Heat were back with a blowout in Game 2 of the NBA Finals.

Chalmers led the charge, James broke out to finish it with a flurry and the Heat used a 33-5 run to rout the San Antonio Spurs 103-84 on Sunday night and even the series at one game apiece.

James missed 10 of 13 shots through three quarters and the Heat trailed by a point late in the period before unleashing the lethal brand of basketball that led them to a franchise-record 66 wins this season.

Chalmers finished with 19 points, and James had 17 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and three blocks—the best on Tiago Splitter's dunk attempt—while shooting only 7 of 17 from the field.

For two days following Game 1, the thought was that James needed to do more for his teammates. Turns out, it was Chalmers and the supporting cast who did something for James.

"Honestly, for me, when I was struggling offensively, my teammates continued to keep it in range," James said. "And we even had a lead at one point, especially late in the second quarter when we made that run and I was struggling a little bit."

"So I think Rio more than anybody kept us aggressive, him getting into the paint, him getting those and-ones and making a couple of 3s. It allowed me to sit back and wait for my time."

The Heat made 10 of 19 3-pointers and got 13 points from Ray Allen, and 12 points



AP
Miami Heat small forward LeBron James (6) blocks a shot by San Antonio Spurs center Tiago Splitter (22) of Brazil, during the second half of Game 2 of the NBA Finals basketball game, Sunday, June 9, 2013 in Miami.

and 10 rebounds from the previously slumping Chris Bosh.

Danny Green made all six shots, including five 3-pointers, and scored 17 points for the Spurs. They host Game 3 on Tuesday night.

Tony Parker had 13 points on 5-of-14 shooting for the Spurs, who were so precise in their 92-88 victory in Game 1 but threw the ball all over the white-surrounded court Sunday, committing 17 turnovers that led to 19

Miami points.

"In the second half they just run us over," the Spurs' Manu Ginobili said. "We didn't move the ball at all. Their pressure really got us on our heels."

Tim Duncan shot 3 of 13 and finished with nine points and 11 rebounds.

"We didn't play well. We didn't shoot well. I know I played awfully," Duncan said. "Whatever it may be, they responded better than us. So hopefully we can look

forward to this Game 3 and regain some of our composure."

James insisted he wouldn't force himself to do more after he had a triple-double in Game 1 but never seized the opportunity to take control of the scoring as the game was slipping away from the Heat.

He didn't need to. Not with Chalmers making big shots, the Heat's defense forcing the Spurs to look shaky all over the floor, and a barrage of second-half

3-pointers.

James finally got some openings late, hanging from the rim an extra second not long after a sensational blocked shot freed him up for a fast break.

The often-maligned Chalmers is frequently found in Heat highlights being yelled at by James or another Miami veteran. But he's as cocky as any of the superstars in Miami, and he has the big-moment plays to back up his bravado, from a tying shot for Kansas in the 2008 NCAA championship game to his 25 points in Game 4 of last year's finals.

"You have to have guts to play with our guys. If you don't, you get swallowed up," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "The good thing about it is the other guys were fine with him making plays."

The point guard sparked the Heat late in the third, after San Antonio had taken a 62-61 lead. He converted two three-point plays, Allen and Mike Miller nailed 3-pointers, and James made only his third field goal of the game during a 14-3 finishing spurt that sent Miami to the fourth with a 75-65 advantage.

They opened the fourth with nine straight points to make it 84-65, and capped the run at 94-67 when James made a 3-pointer, erasing any chance of their first two-game losing streak in five months.

"We were just a little bit more active today," Bosh said. "We really just made an emphasis to continue to try to corral them."

The Spurs had only four turnovers in Game 1, tying an NBA Finals record low. But they surpassed that total in the first quarter, Parker committing two of their five after not coughing it up once in the opener, and the Spurs looked more like the sloppy Indiana Pacers from Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals

than the Spurs of Game 1.

The unrecognizable play continued, Parker firing passes on the pick-and-roll right into a Heat player's leg on multiple occasions and even getting yanked barely three minutes into the third quarter after his struggles continued.

The Spurs responded with seven straight points without him to get back within one. But by the end of the period, it was Chalmers who was the best point guard on the floor.

The Heat dropped Game 1 in last year's finals, and the first two to Dallas in 2006 before going on to win both titles. But those early deficits came on the road, so Dwyane Wade said Sunday's game was a "must-win game" for the Heat.

They arrived to white shirts hanging on the seats that read "Larry loves Miami" with a picture of the Larry O'Brien trophy that goes to the NBA champion.

Larry's not leaving, not if the Heat keep playing like this.

They looked as good as ever in the final 15 minutes of their 100th game of the season, pouring it on and leaving Spurs coach Gregg Popovich often standing with his arms folded on the sideline, with no answers and no way of slowing down the Heat speedsters.

San Antonio had its seven-game postseason winning streak snapped, as well as a six-game NBA Finals win streak that dated to the 2005 finals.

Duncan, who started 0 of 5 in the opener before finishing with 20 points and 14 rebounds, began 1 for 5 in this one. But he never got untracked, though part of the problem was the Spurs' inability to get him the ball enough because of their turnovers.

Wade finished with 10 points and six assists. Miami committed just six turnovers.

English wins St. Jude for 1st PGA Tour title



MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)—Harris English won the St. Jude

Classic on Sunday for his first PGA Tour title, birdieing two of the final three holes to hold off Phil Mickelson and Scott Stallings by two strokes.

The 23-year-old American in his second year on tour survived a final round where he had six birdies and five bogeys to shoot a 1-under 69. He finished at 12-under 268.

"I was just really relaxed out there today," English said. "Bogeyed eight and nine, which was tough. But I knew if I kept it together on the back nine, I could make a run at the thing."

English made a 5-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to tie Stallings for the lead, but Stallings bogeyed No. 18 to give English the lead to himself. English made a 17-foot birdie putt on No. 17, and

two-putted No. 18 to pick up the winner's check of \$1,026,000.

English became the fourth player to win the event in his first start since the tournament moved to TPC Southwind in 1989, and the second straight after Dustin Johnson a year ago.

Mickelson shot a 67, and Stallings had a 68.

Mickelson birdied Nos. 13 and 16, but he just missed a 13-footer for birdie on the par-4 17th. He then went right at the hole on No. 18 from 151 yards and just missed, leaving a 2-foot birdie putt to finish in a share of second at 10 under.

The four-time major winner said he got most of what he wanted out of the tournament as he tuned up for next week's U.S. Open at Merion Golf Club following a three-week break.

"I'm really encouraged with the way I hit my irons," Mickelson said. "Got to get the 3-wood in play a little bit more,

although next week at Merion distance won't be as critical as TPC Southwind. I'll be able to hit higher and softer shots."

English won the Southern Amateur in 2011 and was an amateur when he won on the Web.com Tour at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Invitational in July 2011. He moved to the PGA Tour in 2012 and finished 79th on the money list. Now he has his fourth top-10 finish this year.

He said caddie Brian Smith helped him refocus as he made the turn.

"I really didn't think I'd be in this seat right here coming off 9," English said. "I thought I kind of made some really dumb bogeys on eight, nine and kind of shot myself out of the tournament. But Smitty was saying, 'Hey let's go beat this back nine. Let's get back under par for the tournament for the day, and let's get after it.'"

It looked as if Stallings, a two-time tour winner, would add his third win in three years when he took advantage of English's bogeys on Nos. 8 and 9 to go up by three strokes. Stallings was 12 under at the turn with four birdies on the front side. But he finished with a double bogey, a birdie and a bogey in his final four holes.

"You have to learn from the experiences that you have like this today and hopefully I'll get a little bit better break next time," Stallings said.

Shawn Stefani, a 31-year-old rookie who went into the final round with a one-stroke lead, had a 76 to drop into a share of seventh at 6 under.

Harris English gives a fist pump as he sinks his final putt on the 18th green for the win during the final round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., Sunday, June 9, 2013.



Alvarez, Kelly lead Tigers to 4-1 win over Indians



DETROIT
(AP)—Jose Alvarez pitched six impressive in-

nings in his Major League Baseball debut and Don Kelly hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the sixth to help the Detroit Tigers finish a three-game sweep of the skidding Cleveland Indians with a 4-1 victory Sunday.

Alvarez (1-0) was starting because of Anibal Sanchez's shoulder tightness, and he held Cleveland hitless until Ryan Raburn's fifth-inning homer. The 24-year-old left-hander allowed three hits and a walk and struck out seven.

Drew Smyly pitched two innings of relief and Joaquin Benoit finished for his third save. Cleveland has lost seven straight.

Justin Masterson (8-5) allowed four runs in seven innings. He gave up a walk to Miguel Cabrera and a single to Prince Fielder to start the Detroit sixth. One out later, Kelly lifted a drive over the wall in right.

The first-place Tigers lead Cleveland by 5 1/2 games in the American League Central division.

Red Sox 10, Angels 5

In Boston, David Ortiz hit a three-run homer and Jarrod Saltalamacchia connected twice to power Boston past Los Angeles.

Saltalamacchia and Mike Carp went deep on consecutive pitches from Joe Blanton (1-10) in the sixth inning, moments after Ryan Dempster (4-6) got his 2,000th career strikeout. The Red Sox took two of three in the series and have won six of eight.

Los Angeles entered the weekend having won eight straight against the Red Sox after going 6-0 last season, but dropped the final two games after winning the opener of a day-night doubleheader Saturday.

Albert Pujols and Alberto Callaspo each hit a solo homer for the Angels.

Dempster gave up three runs in six innings. Ortiz has five homers and 14 RBIs in his last 10 games.

Yankees 2, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Chris Stewart hit a tiebreaking single in the ninth inning and David Phelps matched Felix Hernandez for six innings to help New York beat Seattle.

Ichiro Suzuki drew a walk from Yoervis Medina (1-2) to open the ninth and Jayson Nix sacrificed. With two outs, Stewart bounced a grounder through the left side and Suzuki scored easily against his former team to help the Yankees take three of four at Safeco Field.

Mariano Rivera allowed two hits and a walk in the ninth but earned his 23rd save in 24 opportunities, extending his career record to 631.

David Robertson (4-1) worked out of an eighth-inning jam and Brett Gardner had four hits and an RBI.

Orioles 10, Rays 7

In St. Petersburg, Florida, J.J. Hardy, Adam Jones, Alexi Casilla and Nick Markakis had two RBIs apiece as Baltimore battered eight-game winner Matt Moore in beating Tampa Bay.

The Orioles, held to one run and six hits in losing the first two games of the series, finished with 16 hits in this one.

Moore (8-2) allowed career highs of nine runs and 12 hits over five innings in his second consecutive loss. In his



Detroit Tigers starting pitcher Jose Alvarez throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians in Detroit, Sunday, June 9, 2013.

previous start, the left-hander gave up six runs over two-plus innings in a 10-1 loss at Detroit.

Chris Tillman (6-2) yielded three runs and four hits in six innings to improve to 5-0 on the road. Jim Johnson got his 21st save, handing the Rays their fourth loss in 14 games.

Rangers 6, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Adrian Beltre hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning as Texas rallied from a four-run deficit to beat Toronto.

A day after the Blue Jays beat Texas in 18 innings, Beltre hit an opposite-field shot to right off Neil Wagner for his 14th homer of the season. That helped the Rangers avoid a three-game sweep and their first four-game losing streak of the season.

Nelson Cruz and David Murphy also homered for the Rangers, while Neal Cotts (2-0) worked one inning for the win. Joe Nathan escaped a ninth-inning jam for his 19th save in 20 chances.

Adam Lind hit a three-run homer for the Blue Jays, who had won three straight.

White Sox 4, Athletics 2

In Chicago, Alex Rios and Tyler Flowers homered and Hector Santiago pitched into the seventh inning as Chicago beat Oakland to split their four-game series.

The White Sox appear to be waking up after dropping 10 of 11 and falling into last place in the AL Central divi-

sion. They've won two in a row behind strong starts from Santiago (2-4) and John Danks.

Flowers tied it 1-all in the third after Coco Crisp homered in the top half. The White Sox grabbed a 3-1 lead in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Conor Gillaspie and an RBI double by Gordon Beckham. Rios chased A.J. Griffin (5-5) with a solo homer in the eighth to make it 4-2.

Jesse Crain retired the side in the eighth, giving him 24 straight scoreless innings and 25 appearances in a row without allowing a run. Reed worked the ninth for his 19th save in 20 chances.

Royals 2, Astros 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Alex Gordon and Eric Hosmer each had a run-scoring single in the eighth and Luis Mendoza pitched seven innings of four-hit ball as Kansas City beat Houston for its fifth straight win.

Aaron Crow (2-1) worked a scoreless eighth to earn a victory that gave the Royals their longest winning streak since taking seven in a row from Sept. 10-17, 2011.

With one out in the eighth, Chris Getz singled and stole second off reliever Hector Amrbiz (1-3). Gordon, who was 1 for 18 on the homestand, singled for the first run. Gordon moved to third on center fielder Trevor Crowe's errant throw home and scored on Hosmer's single.

Astros starter Lucas Harrell held the

Royals to two singles by Salvador Perez in seven scoreless innings.

Braves 8, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Dan Uggla had two homers and four RBIs and Freddie Freeman drove in three more runs with a double to help lead the Atlanta Braves to 1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Mike Minor (8-2) allowed a run and six hits, struck out six and walked three while helping the National League East division leaders gain a split of the four-game series.

Atlanta's rotation has yielded four runs in 37 1/3 innings spanning the team's last six games.

Los Angeles rookie Matt Magill (0-2) was charged with seven runs and four hits over 3 2/3 innings in his sixth MLB start, none of which the Dodgers have won.

Rockies 8, Padres 7, 10 innings

In Denver, Dexter Fowler's single with two outs in the 10th inning scored DJ LeMahieu from third base as the Rockies rallied for a win over the Padres.

Fowler finished with four hits and Troy Tulowitzki had two, including his 16th home run. Rockies starter Juan Nicasio retired his first 16 batters.

Nick Hundley, Cameron Maybin and Mark Kotsay homered for the Padres, who missed an opportunity to take three of four in the series after blowing a three-run lead in the ninth.

Rex Brothers (2-0) pitched the 10th for the win.

Tyson Ross (0-3) took the loss.

Marlins 8, Mets 4, 10 innings

In New York, the Miami Marlins needed extras to beat the New York Mets again, but only 10 innings instead of 20.

Derek Dietrich hit a tying home run in the eighth and second baseman Daniel Murphy's 10th-inning error allowed Logan Morrison to score the go-ahead run in his first game in 11 months, boosting the Marlins to a victory.

Greg Dobbs added a sacrifice fly off Rob Carson and Miguel Olivo followed with a two-run homer in the four-run 10th, eliminating the need for a repeat of Saturday's 6-hour, 25-minute marathon, won by the Marlins 2-1.

Bobby Parnell (4-3) was the loser.

Chad Qualls (1-0) got his first win since last July, striking out Justin Turner and Anthony Recker with the potential winning run on base in the ninth.

Cubs 4, Pirates 1

In Chicago, Cody Ransom hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer in the seventh inning and Edwin Jackson pitched the Cubs to a victory over the Pirates.

Ransom connected off reliever Justin Wilson (5-1) for his sixth home run of the season. Darwin Barney and Julio Borbon were on base after the Cubs were held hitless for 5 2/3 innings by Pirates starter Jeff Locke.

Jackson (2-8) had his best and longest outing of the season, striking out eight in seven innings. He allowed four hits and a walk as the Cubs salvaged the finale of a three-game series.

Giants 6, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Chad Gaudin pitched six strong innings and Marco Scutaro and Brandon Belt homered as the Giants beat

the Diamondbacks.

Gaudin (2-1) had his second good start in place of the injured Ryan Vogelsong, allowing two runs on five hits in six innings. The Giants right-hander, normally a long-relief specialist, struck out seven and walked one intentionally.

Scutaro and Belt each had a solo shot off Tyler Skaggs (1-1), who gave up five runs on eight this in five innings.

The Giants won two of three in Arizona to move within 1 1/2 games of the first-place Diamondbacks in the NL West division.

Brewers 9, Phillies 1

In Milwaukee, Carlos Gomez hit a two-run homer, Scooter Gennett had a two-run triple and Kyle Lohse pitched eight strong innings for his first win in eight starts to help the Brewers beat Philadelphia to take the final three games of the four-game series.

Gennett's triple highlighted a four-run second inning, and Gomez's homer in the sixth off starter Jonathan Pettibone (3-2) was plenty of insurance for Lohse's first victory since beating San Diego on April 22.

Lohse (2-6) struck out six and gave up four hits, his only hiccup being Humberto Quintero's first home run of the season.

Cardinals 11, Reds 4, 10 innings.

In Cincinnati, Matt Holliday's grand slam capped a seven-run 10th inning to help the Cardinals beat the Reds.

J.J. Hoover (0-5) walked Allen Craig to lead off the 10th. One out later, David Freese singled Craig to second, extending his career-best hitting streak to 19 games, tied with San Francisco's Marco Scutaro for the longest in the National League this season.

Daniel Descalso followed with his RBI double off the left field wall. Matt Carpenter added two insurance runs with a bases-loaded single before Holliday hit his homer, his 10th of the season.

Trevor Rosenthal (1-0) had four strikeouts in two perfect innings to get the win.

Nationals 7, Twins 0, 1st game Nationals 5, Twins 4, 2nd game.

In Washington, Ian Desmond doubled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning as Washington rallied past Minnesota to sweep a day-night doubleheader.

Desmond's drive completed a comeback from a three-run deficit—making it the Nationals' biggest come-from-behind victory of the season—and pulled Washington back to .500.

Jordan Zimmermann dominated the first game, allowing two hits over seven innings. In the nightcap, Adam LaRoche doubled off reliever Anthony Swarzak (1-2) ahead of Desmond, who then extended his hitting streak to a career-high 12 games.

Tyler Clippard (5-1) pitched the seventh to get the win, Drew Storen handled the eighth and Rafael Soriano the ninth for his 16th save.

In the opener, Zimmermann (9-3) struck out eight with a season-high 111 pitches while dropping his ERA to 2.00. He is tied for most wins in the majors.

The Nationals scored a pair in the fourth and had a five-run fifth to chase starter Scott Diamond (4-5).

NADAL

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fully. What else was there to do? Dealing with Nadal’s defense-to-offense on red clay is a thankless task. His rain-soaked 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Ferrer was Nadal’s record 59th win in 60 matches at the French Open and made him the only man with eight titles at any Grand Slam tournament.

“I never like to compare years, but it’s true that this year means something very special for me,” Nadal said, alluding to the way he managed to come back from a left knee injury that sidelined him for about seven months.

“When you have a period of time like I had,” he added, “you realize that you don’t know if you will have the chance to be back here with this trophy another time.”

But he does it, year after year.

He won four French Opens in a row from 2005-08, and another four in a row from 2010-13.

“Rafael was better than me,” said Ferrer, who had won all 18 sets he’d played the past two weeks to reach his first Grand Slam final at age 31. “He didn’t make mistakes.”

A week past his 27th

birthday, Nadal now owns 12 major trophies in all - including two from Wimbledon, one each from the U.S. Open and Australian Open—to eclipse Bjorn Borg and Rod Laver and equal Roy Emerson for the third-most in history. Nadal trails only Roger Federer’s 17 and Pete Sampras’ 14.

“Winning 17 Grand Slam titles, that’s miles away,” Nadal said. “I’m not even thinking about it.”

This was Nadal’s first major tournament after a surprising second-round loss at Wimbledon last June. Since rejoining the tour in February, he is 43-2 with seven titles and two runner-up finishes. He’s won his past 22 matches.

“For me, it’s incredible,” said Toni Nadal, Rafael’s uncle and coach. “When I think of all that Rafael has done, I don’t understand it.”

No one, perhaps not even Ferrer himself, expected Nadal to lose Sunday.

That’s because of Nadal’s skill on clay, in general, and at Roland Garros, in particular, but also because of how Ferrer had fared against his friend and countryman—and video-game competitor—in the past.

Ferrer entered Sunday 4-19 against Nadal. On clay, Na-

dal had 16 consecutive victories over Ferrer, whose only head-to-head win on the surface came the first time they played, in July 2004, when Nadal was 18.

Nadal had yet to make his French Open debut then, missing it that year because of a broken left foot. On May 23, 2005, Nadal played his first match at Roland Garros, beating Lars Burgsmuller 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-1 on Court 1, known as the “bullring” because of its oval shape.

And so began the reign.

Nadal won a record 31 consecutive matches at the French Open until the fourth round in 2009, when Robin Soderling beat him. In 2010, Nadal started a new streak, which currently stands at 28.

There was occasional shakiness this year. Nadal lost the first set of each of his first two matches and was pushed to a tiebreaker to begin his third.

He barely edged No. 1-ranked Novak Djokovic in a thrilling semifinal that lasted more than 4 1/2 hours and ended 9-7 in the fifth set Friday.

By any measure, that match was far more enjoyable to take in than the final, akin to dining on a filet mignon accompanied by a well-aged bottle of Bordeaux one day, then grabbing a

hot dog and can of soda from a street vendor 48 hours later.

Under a leaden sky that eventually would release a steady shower from the second set on, Ferrer felt nerves at the outset, he acknowledged later. But after the players traded early breaks, Ferrer held for a 3-2 lead.

That’s when Nadal took over, winning seven games in a row and 12 of 14. His court coverage was impeccable, as usual, showing no signs of any problems from that left knee, which was supported by a band of white tape. His lefty forehand whips were on-target, accounting for 19 of his 35 winners and repeatedly forcing errors from Ferrer.

When Nadal did have lapses, he admonished himself, once slapping his forehead with his right palm after pushing a lob wide. But what’s demoralizing for opponents is the way Nadal slams the door when they have openings, then rushes through when he gets the slightest chance.

He was at his relentless best on key points, including those four break chances for Ferrer at 3-1 in the second set. Immediately after, Nadal broke to 5-1 on a forehand winner down the line.

As Nadal prepared to serve

in the next game, a man wearing a white mask and carrying a fiery flare jumped out of the stands nearby. The intruder quickly was shoved to the ground by one security guard, while another went to protect Nadal.

“I felt a little bit scared at the first moment,” Nadal said, “because I didn’t see what’s going on.”

It happened within a few minutes of other actions by protesters, including chanting from the upper deck that briefly delayed play. Police said seven people were held for questioning.

Nadal got broken in that game, then broke back right away to take the second set.

The third set was similar to the first. It was 3-all, then suddenly over. Nadal took the last three games, ending the match

with a forehand winner before dropping his racket and falling on his back, leaving a rust-colored smudge on his white shirt and flecks of clay on his stubbled cheeks. Soon he was standing, holding his index finger aloft.

Yes, Nadal is No. 1 at the French Open. When the ATP rankings are issued Monday, however, he will be No. 5, because of points he dropped while hurt.

Ferrer will be at No. 4.

“Yeah, it’s strange, no? I lost the final against Rafael, but tomorrow I am going to be No. 4 and him No. 5,” Ferrer said with a grin, then delivered his punch line: “I prefer to win here and to stay No. 5.”

Sorry, David. This is Nadal’s tournament.

Now the question becomes: Is eight enough?

C&J

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phoon/Triple J Motors played the last game of the series without Bruce Berline and Elmer Pineda and had only seven players in the first half before Joseph Galulu came in late in the third. Both Berline and Pineda scored in double digits in their Game 2 win, firing 18 and 10 markers, respectively.

With Berline out, leaving a big void on Typhoon/Triple J Motors’ inside defense, Guiab and Mendoza dominated the paint to complement Diaz’s outside game. Diaz hit a triple in the closing minutes of the fourth to keep C&J Signs’ title bid alive and then

split his free throws to ice the win. Mendoza also had a split in the closing seconds after Guiab made the game-tying basket, 84-all.

Typhoon/Triple J Motors led by 5, 84-79, going into the final two minutes, when Diaz canned the triple, followed by Guiab’s basket after another Typhoon/Triple J Motors miss. Typhoon/Triple J Motors faltered anew in its next two offensive sets and was forced to commit fouls against Mendoza and Diaz, who drilled one free throw each to put C&J Signs on top, 86-84, Diaz had a chance to up the lead, but this time went 0-for-2 from the line, while Typhoon/Triple J Motors was left with less than three seconds to pull up for a shot after the second free throw miss, but

Ray Lizama was still at the backcourt and did not have enough time pull up for the shot.

Lizama led Typhoon/Triple J Motors’ losing cause with his 35 points, 13 of them came in the fourth canto, as he rested in the third to prepare for a fourth-quarter comeback. Lizama was held to 4 points in the third canto and his team only made six field goals and 13 points, allowing C&J Signs to grab the lead, 69-61, after falling behind at the break, 44-48.

Typhoon/Triple J Motors also had the upper hand at the end of the first quarter, 25-21, behind the 7 points of Manny Duenas. Typhoon/Triple J Motors then increased the lead to as much as 9 in the second canto before

Mendoza and Diaz brought C&J Signs back into the game at halftime.

Guiab then joined Mendoza and Diaz in firing up C&J’s signs offense in the third quarter, while fatigue started to slow down Typhoon/Triple J Motors, which had to rely heavily on Lizama after big man Haejun Park struggled in Game 3. Park had only 6 points after scoring 22 in Game 2.

C&J Signs 86 – Diaz 26, Guiab 21, Mendoza 20, Moises 9, Manabat 4, Valencia 2.


Typhoon/Triple J 84 – Lizama 35, Palacios 18, Duenas 13, Gabaldon 6, Park 6, Galulu 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-25, 44-48, 69-61, 86-84.

da Tollenoa, Anne Skilling, and Isabel Garcia.

In the U18 age group, FSM has only two entries each in the boys and girls division. Bryan Esau and David Panuelo will fight for the boys U18 title against Guam’s Joshua Cepeda, Victor Tuncap, and Joshua Gallegos, and the CNMI’s Amami Sakano, Tommy Choi, Seiya Eda, and Daniel Park. In the girls division, Margaet Finnen and Amanda Hawkins will carry the FSM colors against Guam’s Camdyn Nadler, Alyssa Bristol, and Margaux San Nicolas, and the CNMI’s Thea Minor and Mikayla Lopez.

Meanwhile, draws in all age groups will be held tomorrow at 3pm at the PIC courts.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	25	.609	—
New York	37	26	.587	1 1/2
Baltimore	35	28	.556	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	34	28	.548	4
Toronto	27	35	.435	11

Central Division

Detroit	35	26	.574	—
Cleveland	30	32	.484	5 1/2
Kansas City	28	32	.467	6 1/2
Minnesota	27	33	.450	7 1/2
Chicago	27	34	.443	8

West Division

Texas	37	25	.597	—
Oakland	38	27	.585	1/2
Los Angeles	27	36	.429	10 1/2
Seattle	27	37	.422	11
Houston	22	42	.344	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	39	24	.619	—
Washington	31	31	.500	7 1/2
Philadelphia	31	33	.484	8 1/2
New York	23	35	.397	13 1/2
Miami	18	44	.290	20 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	41	22	.651	—
Cincinnati	37	26	.587	4
Pittsburgh	37	26	.587	4
Chicago	25	35	.417	14 1/2
Milwaukee	25	37	.403	15 1/2

West Division

Arizona	35	28	.556	—
San Francisco	33	29	.532	1 1/2
Colorado	34	30	.531	1 1/2
San Diego	29	34	.460	6
Los Angeles	27	35	.435	7 1/2

ST JUDE CLASSIC SCORES

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Scores Saturday in the St. Jude Classic, a US PGA Tour event at 7,239-yard, par-70 TPC Southwind:

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Scott Stallings	67-68-67—202
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Padraig Harrington	69-70-65—204
Ryan Palmer	72-67-65—204
Roberto Castro	68-69-67—204
Jonathan Byrd	70-69-66—205
John Rollins	67-71-67—205
Ian Poulter	69-68-68—205
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Jim Herman	69-69-68—206
Charles Howell III	71-67-68—206
Billy Mayfair	68-70-68—206
Peter Hanson	67-71-68—206
Rory Sabbatini	69-69-68—206
Camilo Villegas	69-68-69—206
Martin Flores	66-72-68—206
Bob Estes	68-69-69—206
Chez Reavie	69-68-69—206
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Glen Day	66-70-70—206
Mark Wilson	70-71-66—207
David Hearn	69-71-67—207
Vaughn Taylor	72-67-68—207
Brendon de Jonge	70-69-68—207
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Jerry Kelly	69-71-68—208
Billy Horschel	71-69-68—208
Robert Karlsson	69-69-70—208
David Toms	67-71-70—208
Scott Brown	69-69-70—208
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Stuart Appleby	66-71-72—209
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Tom Gillis	72-69-69—210
Steve Flesch	69-72-69—210
Luke Guthrie	70-67-73—210
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Russell Henley	68-73-70—211
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Tim Petrovic	67-72-72—211
Robert Streb	72-67-72—211
Stephen Ames	70-68-73—211
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Brian Gay	70-71-71—212
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Players will be battling for the girls U12, U15, and U18 singles and doubles crowns and the 18 slots on the North Pacific Team who will participate in the 2012 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji in August.

The U15 age group has the most entries with 28, as the boys division has a complete 16-player draw, while 12 are seeing action in the girls division. The Commonwealth has five bets in the boys U15 in last year’s runner-up Chris Cajigan, Dylan Ackerman, Moris Villanueva, Colin Ramsey, and Luther Lizama. FSM

and Guam have four apiece with C.J. and Taitang Skilling, Jake Panuela, and Terry Rush suiting up for the former and Brian Tuncap, Andrew Chung, Mason Cadwell, and Tylet Talai playing for the latter. Palau has only two entries in Gabriel Basco and Samuel Nillasca.

In the girls U15, the favored Negahr Rastguiy will leads the CNMI Team, which also has Liza Atalig, Julia Ishikawa, Emily Jones, and Tammy Ackerman. Out to foil the CNMI’s title defense bid is Ayana Rengiil, Palau’s lone entry in the division, while Kanasta Abrams and Angelysa Ulloa will represent Guam. Completing the list are FSM’s Sunshein Palik, Jenna Panuelo, and Ma-

glisa Sinabuz.

FSM’s also has three bets in the boys U12 in Joab William, Shiro Esau and Sterkis Abraham. Matching FSM’s entries are Guam’s Kian Malakooti, Aaron Abrams, and Kyle Elherenreich, while the CNMI has a strong crew in Robert Schorr, Michael Ren, Vincent Tudela, Joshua Abragan, Tony Kim, Ken Song, Haruya Eda, and Tony Atalig.

The host has the most players, too, in the girls U12 with Carol Lee leading the home squad. Joining her are teammates Malika Miyawaki, Tania Tan, Grace Choi, Mimi Sakano, Catherine Atalig, Asia Raulerson, Conatsu Kaga, and Ruth Park. The CNMI bets will battle the U12 crown against three FSM players—Til-

San Roque, Flip Top complete semis cast

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The San Roque Bandits and Flip Top punched the last two semis tickets in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League after downing separate foes Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Flip Top beat Camor in the first game, 60-51, while San Roque walloped Freestyle, 84-66, in the last quarter-finals match. Flip Top and San Roque joined Adobo and Lyn's Heat in the semis, which started last night.

San Roque cruised to victory after Freestyle played with a depleted crew. Only six players suited up for Freestyle in the win-or-go-home game, as Jun Pantaleon was playing on another league and five others missed the weekend match.

In contrast, San Roque had its usual starting five with gunner Angelo Fernando teaming up with Mike and McClain Achas, Robert Guiang, and Gil Gapor. All four scored in twin digits with Fernando drilling 23 points, Gapor adding 17, and Mike and McClain chipping in 16 and 14, respectively.

McClain and Fernando fired 8 points apiece in the first quarter, lifting San Roque to a promising 24-10 advantage. The lead

ballooned in the last three periods, as Freestyle clearly lacked manpower to match up with San Roque's scorers.

Another 20-plus output from San Roque in the second canto (21) put Freestyle in the much deeper hole at halftime, 45-23. Fernando added 9 more points in the second canto for San Roque.

Freestyle then picked up its scoring a bit in the third canto with D.J. Ong nailing 10 of their 21 points, however San Roque kept the twin-digit advantage, 62-44, with only one quarter to go.

With the much-needed help still not coming for Freestyle in the final canto, it never threatened San Roque.

In the first game, Flip Top outclassed Camor in a low-scoring match.

Ahead by only a deuce at the end of the third canto, 42-40, Flip Top held Camor to four field goals in the final period en route to the 9-point win. Flip Top neutralized Jack Aranda in the fourth canto, as the Camor gunner scored only 2 points after firing his team's last 4 markers in the third canto. Only Prince Factor scored more than 2 points for Camor in the playoff frame with his 6 markers.

Wens Namelo matched Factor's output in the fourth period, Zhe Chen added 4 and four other Flip Top players had at least 2 points apiece to help the

San Roque Bandits' Robert Guiang, left, uses his hand to ward off Freestyle's Ferdie Tobias during the first quarter of their playoff game in the DLX caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Hiromo Sawada bagged the CNMI Women's Golf Association's June

Ace after winning last Saturday's monthly tournament on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

The 25-handicapper fired a 47 and 50 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 97 and net 72. Sawada tied Mimi Castro for first place, but won the scorecard tiebreak. Castro drilled a 52 in the first nine holes and 50 in the last to end up with a gross 102 and similar net 72 after deducting her 30 handicap.

Rounding out the Top 3 was the 16-handicapper Dolores Yamagishi, who carded 45s on

Sawada gets CWGA June Ace



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Participants in CNMI Women's Golf Association's June Ace tournament pose for a group photo last Saturday on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

both nines for a gross 90 and net 74. With their Top 3 finish, Sawada, Castro, and Yamagishi earned 15, 14, and 13 points. Points are awarded after each monthly tournament and the golfer with the most points after the 12 competitions is recognized during the club's awards ceremony.

Meanwhile, 15 other CGWA members joined the June Ace tournament. Gil Ah Kim came in fourth with her net 75, followed by Kimiko Abe (76), Yuko Togawa (77), Noriko Togawa (77), Me Ae Jeon (77), Young Mi Kim (78), Sherlyn Jones (78), Shiori Onoue (79), Setsuko Oguro (79), Nikki Babauta (79), Mio Kio (82), Terry Guerrero (84), and Lorraine Babauta (85). (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

Tinian Triathlon, Reef Swim set for June 22

The 13th Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim will be staged on June 22, 2013.

The triathlon will feature a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40km bike, and 10km run, while the reef swim will offer three courses: 1.5km, 3km, and 4.5 km.

The event is co-sponsored by the Marianas Visitors Authority, KFC Triathlon Club of Japan, Tinian Mayor's Office, and the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Registration costs are: \$80 for solo triathletes, \$60/each for triathlon teams of two or three members, and \$60 for reef swim only (all distances). Registration fee includes the awards party on event day, a

commemorative T-shirt, and swim cap.

Registration will be held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino poolside on June 21 from 5pm to 8pm, with the mandatory pre-race briefing from 6pm to 7pm at the same venue. Registration fee is cash payment only. Registration forms and course maps are downloadable under the event date at the Calendar of Events at www.mymarianas.com. The awards banquet will be held on June 22, 2013, at 6pm at Taga Beach.

For more information or to register, contact Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 433-9365 or Frank Tudela at ftudela@mymarianas.com or 664-3210. (MVA)



MVA

The 13th Annual Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon on June 22 will feature a 1.5-kilometer swim, 40km bike, and 10km run course.

team's cause. Reynald Cabaltica top-scored for Flip Top with his 13 markers, while Aranda led Camor with his 18 points.

First Game

Flip Top 60 – Cabaltica 13, Fleming 9, De Leon 8, Fera 8, Namelo 8, Pena 5, Isip 3, Maratita 2.

Camor 51 – Aranda 18, Factor 9, Ibanez 7, Yap 5, Litulumar 5, Kwon 4, Galulu 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-12, 25-28, 42-40, 60-51.

Second Game

San Roque 84 – Fernando 23, Gapor 17, Mi. Achas 16, Mc. Achas 14, Guiang 8, Pineda 2.

Freestyle 66 – Ong 22, Tobias 16, Cadiang 15, Barroza 6, Echavez 5.

Scoring by quarters: 24-10, 55-23, 62-44, 84-66.

Rota Cliff Fishing Derby on June 14-16

Fishermen from throughout the Marianas are gearing up for the 2013 Rota Cliff Fishing Derby set for June 14-16, 2103.

The designated derby fishing sites are local favorites As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point. Registration is \$25. The last day to register is June 14, 2013, from 3pm to 4pm at Guata Beach. Fishermen under age 18 will need parental consent.

Derby check-in will be at 4pm on June 14 at Guata Beach, followed by orientation and the start of the derby at 6pm. The derby will end at 10am on June 16.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the Top 4 finishers in the categories of Biggest Fish (\$600 first place, \$300 second place, \$200 third place, and \$100 fourth place) and Total Weight (\$300 first place, \$200 second place, \$100 third place, and \$150 fourth place).

The Top 4 finishers in the Most Variety category will be receiving in-kind donations from Ambros Inc.

The derby is co-sponsored by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), the Rota Mayor's Office, and the 14th Rota Municipal Council. The event is also supported by the Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Public Works, and other government agencies.

Weigh-ins will be at each fishing site in the morning and evening of June 15 and on the morning of June 16. Reserving spots before the derby begins will not be allowed.

For complete rules or to register, contact Sandra Atalig of the MVA at 532-0327 or satalig@mymarianas.com or Sarita K. Jacob of the 14th Rota Municipal Council at 532-4046. (MVA)



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Nadal wins record 8th French Open title



Spain's Rafael Nadal bites the trophy after winning against compatriot David Ferrer in three sets 6-3, 6-2, 6-3, in the final of the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Sunday June 9, 2013.

AP

PARIS (AP)—If Rafael Nadal truly was going to be challenged, if his bid for an unprecedented eighth French Open championship would be slowed even a bit, this might have been the moment.

Leading by a set and a break 70 minutes into Sunday's final against David Ferrer, another generally indefatigable Spaniard, Nadal faced four break points in one game. The last was a 31-stroke exchange, the match's longest, capped when Nadal



absorbed Ferrer's strong backhand approach and transformed it into a cross-court backhand passing shot.

Ferrer glared at the ball as it flew past and landed in a corner, then smiled rue-

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71 players entered in North Pacific tourney

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REPORTER



Seventy-one players will be competing in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships that will kick off tomorrow at the Pacific Islands Club and American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Host CNMI has bulk of the participants with more than 30, while the rest are from Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

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C&J Signs wins 40A championship

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C&J Signs International wrapped up its title series against Typhoon/Triple J Motors in the 40A division of the 2013 Masters Basketball League on a winning note after eking out an 86-84 Game 3 win last Saturday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Tony Diaz, Junar Guiab, and Edsel Mendoza teamed up in the title-clinching victory, as all three scored at least 20 points each. Diaz nailed 26 markers, while Guiab and Mendoza chipped in 21 and 20, respectively and the trio dropped big baskets in the homestretch to foil Typhoon/Triple J Motors' bid of stealing the championship.

Typhoon/Triple J Motors won Game 2, 105-80, of the short best-of-three series to have the momentum going into the deciding Game 3. However, Ty-

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C&J Signs International's Tony Diaz goes up for a fallaway shot against Typhoon/Triple J Motors' Ray Lizama during the third quarter of the deciding Game 3 of their title series in the 40A division of the Masters caging last Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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